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Detox facility appeal denied by ZBA

By LIZZIE MCDERMOTT
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — The Zoning Board of Appeals has officially denied the exceedingly controversial proposal to build a detox facility on Middlesex Avenue.

In order for the proposal to pass, the applicant needed approval from four out of the five board members. At the conclusion of another several hours of impassioned feedback from residents and stakeholders, only three members (Daniel Veerman, Jacquelyn Santini, and Anthony Bartletta Jr.) voted yes.

Board members who voted no, Thomas Siracusa and Ray Lepore, were careful to express

that their concerns had more to do with structural and zoning quandaries than they did with the principle of having a detox center near a residential neighborhood.

"I believe that a two-story building with a pitched roof like that is nonconforming to the area, and aesthetically would not look right," said Siracusa.

"The building that came down was not a 24-hour operation there, in fairness to the neighbors," added Lepore. "That building that was previous (sic) torn town was approximately probably half the size."

This vote comes after many months of debate at both Board of Appeals and Board of Se-

lectmen meetings, in addition to a Special Town Meeting in autumn of 2017 that sought to modify zoning to circumvent a similar situation in the future.

Members of the Board of Appeals had discussed taking up the matter for vote at their December meeting, but ultimately decided to wait until feedback from Police Chief Michael Begonis could be shared with the community. A primary concern raised at the December meeting was voluntary nature of continued admission to the facility, and the potential for patients to discharge themselves and remain outside the

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WPD Chief Michael Begonis was on hand to answer any questions the public had.

(photos: Bruce Hilliard .com)



A full house at the Wilmington Town Hall Wednesday night.

Newhouse seeks reelection to School Committee

By LIZZY HILL
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — Despite being elected to the Wilmington School Committee just this past August, Jo Newhouse is running for reelection this year at the annual town election in April. This is because she occupied the seat vacated by

Peggy Kane only by joint School Committee and Board of Selectmen vote in August.

Kane served on the School Committee for almost 18 years before she relinquished her seat effective June 13. It was a month and a half after that when Newhouse applied by letter of intention to the chairman of the board and reached out to all of the selectmen and committee members.

Then, a group vote took place and Newhouse beat Jesse Fennelly and also Scott Trach. Fennelly has also taken out papers to run for one of the three open seats on the School Committee.



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Sleet turns small storm into a big one

By LIZZY HILL
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — This weekend's storm covered Wilmington in approximately 6.5 inches of snow before the sleet and ice fell on top of it. Combined with the low temperatures following the storm, the sleet set the Department of Public Works into a whirlwind of scraping and treating the streets and sidewalks to clean it all up.

DPW Operations Manager Jamie Magaldi estimated that the town saw about an inch and a half of sleet between Saturday

and Sunday. Luckily, he explained, sleet doesn't have a tendency to stick to trees or power lines.

"We had no trouble with power outages that I know of... we didn't have to clear any trees," he boasted.

While freezing rain hit the south shore, Wilmington's dangerously cold wind chill overnight continued to complicate storm cleanup into Monday.

Magaldi reported that the storm is being treated as if it had a lot more intensity than it actually did. "The challenge is that it's been so cold, the low-temperature salt can become

less effective than it usually is," he said. "Even though the sleet isn't thick, it's really hard to manage."

However, DPW employees have been plowing, scraping, and snow-blowing since Saturday between 45 town trucks and 45 contractors, and they will continue to make every area neater as the weather gets warmer.

MLK Jr. Day certainly provided the DPW extra time and space on the roads that they needed, between town offices and schools closed and trash

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Just trying to stay warm

Seagulls on Silver Lake in Wilmington on a cold January morning.

(photo: BruceHilliard.com)

Wierzbicki named to Dean's List at Southern Vermont

BENNINGTON, VT — Jayne Wierzbicki of Wilmington, was named to the Dean's List at Southern Vermont College in Bennington, VT, for the Fall 2018 semester. Each semester, full-time students who have achieved a minimum grade-point average of 3.65 are placed on the Dean's List.

Founded in 1974 but with roots extending to 1926, Southern Vermont College is a small, liberal arts college located on a 371-acre campus overlooking the Green

Mountains.

Classroom learning is combined with real-life, real-world experiences in the study of business, humanities, nursing, science and technology and the social sciences. SVC's athletic teams are part of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division III and the New England Collegiate Conference (NECC).

The College is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges and has been designated by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching as a Community-Engagement Classification Institution.

For more information, visit svc.edu.

Miele named to Dean's List at Johnson & Wales Univ.

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — Johnson & Wales University (JWU) student, Jillian Miele of Wilmington, a Sports, Entertainment, Event Management major in the College of Hospitality Management, has been named to the dean's list for the fall 2018 term.

To receive dean's list commendation, students must earn a grade point average of 3.4 or above. Miele, a first-year student, is the daughter of Christine and Gary Miele and a 2018 graduate of Wilmington High School.

About JWU

Founded in 1914, Johnson & Wales University is a private, nonprofit, accredited institution with more than 13,000 graduate, undergraduate and online students at its four campuses in Provi-

dence, Rhode Island; North Miami, Florida; Denver, Colorado; and Charlotte, North Carolina.

An innovative educational leader, the university offers degree programs in arts and sciences, business, culinary arts, design and engineering, education, health and wellness, hospitality, nutrition and physician assistant studies. Its unique model integrates arts and sciences and industry-focused education with work experience and leadership opportunities, inspiring students to achieve professional success and lifelong personal and intellectual growth.

The university's impact is global, with alumni from 125 countries pursuing careers worldwide.

For more information, visit jwu.edu.

Clark, Bischoff make Dean's List at Colby-Sawyer

NEW LONDON, NH — Colby-Sawyer College recognizes 225 students for outstanding academic achievement during the 2018 fall semester. To qualify for the Dean's List, students must achieve a grade-point average of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale while carrying a minimum of 12 credit hours in graded courses.

Bridget Clark of Wilmington, a member of the class of 2019 majoring in athletic training.

Kathryn Bischoff of Wilmington, a member of the class of 2020 majoring in biology.

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Colby-Sawyer College is a comprehensive college that integrates the liberal arts and sciences with profes-

sional preparation. The college's faculty, staff and students strive for excellence in an engaged teaching and learning community that fosters students' academic, intellectual, and personal growth.

With a strong emphasis on learning outcomes, including breadth and depth of knowledge, self-growth, creative and critical thinking, and effective communication, Colby-Sawyer prepares students to thrive post-graduation and make a positive impact upon a dynamic, diverse and interdependent world.

Founded in 1837, Colby-Sawyer is located in the scenic Lake Sunapee Region of central New Hampshire. Learn more about the college's vibrant teaching and learning community at www.colby-sawyer.edu.

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King awarded Joseph Warren Distinguished Service Award from masons

WILMINGTON — On Wednesday, Jan. 16, 2019 Brian King was awarded the Joseph Warren Distinguished Service Award at Friendship Lodge of Masons in Wilmington.

The Joseph Warren Distinguished Service Award is awarded by the Grand Master of Massachusetts to a mason who, in his opinion, has served his Lodge and community in an exemplary

manner over a long period of time.

Brian has served his community, church and Lodge in many ways over the years. Brian is a Vietnam veteran who served in the Marine Corp. He has been a mason and member of Friendship Lodge for over 22 years. He is also a Past-Master of the Lodge and is currently the treasurer for Lodge's Angel Fund which helps Wilming-

ton students when there is a pressing need for monetary assistance.

Brian is one of the Trustees at Friendship Lodge. For years Brian has sung in his church choir at the United Methodist Church of Wilmington. Brian donates his time and effort every Tuesday to the Mission of Deeds which provides home furnishings to those in need. He is the co-chairman Ma-

sonic HELP Program Committee which loans hospital equipment to anyone that needs it. Brian is the chairman of the Friendship Lodge Ramp Crew which loans and installs wheelchair ramps in the greater Wilmington area, for free, to residents that are in need of one.

In all, Brian is always willing to help with any chore at his lodge, church or community when asked to do so.



▲ From left, Friendship Lodge Master Mario S. Marchese, District Deputy Grand Master Paul B. Craigie, Award Winner Brian A. King, and Brian's wife Ruth King. (Courtesy photo by Dick Searfoss)

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It's Your Money
by Todd Brisbois

MYTHS SURROUNDING TAX REFUNDS

— PART III —

Myth: Delayed Refunds, those Claiming EITC and/or ACTC, will be Delivered on Feb. 15

By law, the IRS cannot issue refunds before Feb. 15 for any tax return claiming the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) or Additional Child Tax Credit (ACTC). The IRS must hold the entire refund, not just the part related to the EITC or ACTC. The IRS will begin to release these refunds starting Feb. 15.

These refunds likely won't arrive in bank accounts or on debit cards until the week of Feb. 27. This is true as long as there is no additional review of the tax return required and the taxpayer chose direct deposit. Banking and financial systems need time to process deposits, which can take several days.

Taxpayers should keep a copy of their tax return. Taxpayers using a software product for the first time may need their Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) amount from their prior-year tax return to verify their identity.

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History:

Wildwood Street, from the center to 'the city'

By LARZ F. NEILSON

Let's take a ride down Wildwood Street, from the center of town to "the city." Like most of the through streets in Wilmington, it is now quite busy. And like most of the older streets, it has some points of interest.

There used to be a cement marker for "Nichols Corner" at the base of a tree on the corner of Middlesex Avenue and Wildwood Street. The name, of course, comes from the family who lived in the house on the corner, now the Nichols Funeral Home.

At the time of the Civil War, the business was a general store and funeral parlor run by Samuel B. Nichols. Nichols was also the town vendor of "West Indies goods," a term for liquor.

On the opposite (left) cor-

ner is the former Congregational Parsonage. Before the Civil War, it was the home of Thomas Davis Bond, who owned a cracker bakery next door. Bond gave the house to the Congregational Church after he built a new home of Italianate design, now the St. Thomas Rectory. His son, Arthur Thomas Bond, developed a good collection of town history and designed the town seal.

On the right, behind the funeral home, is a parking lot that was once the site of the Grange Hall. Built in the early 1900s, it was the principal meeting hall for many town functions through the first half of the Twentieth Century, town meetings, graduations, movies, proms, fairs and meetings. It was torched in the late 1960s.

On the left is the Wildwood

Cemetery, starting with the portion that was donated by Mrs. Dr. France Hiller. Dr. Hiller, known as the "casket lady," had a large tomb built there. After her death in 1900, the tomb held her and her husband's caskets for about 35 years. The tomb was eventually flattened and the caskets buried. Two large urns mark the Hiller grave sites, visible from Wildwood Street.

Opposite the cemetery is a portion of the Wilmington High School grounds. For many years, the home of Frank Froton stood there, with a large garden in front. After that, also on the right, is the former home of Gerry "Scratch" O'Reilly and his late wife Anne (Froton,) who taught at Wilmington High School.

For many years, there was

a chicken farm on the right, owned by Carmen Luongo.

At the side of the road was the "Bear Oak," where in 1760, the last bear in Wilmington was shot by Ephraim Buck. The Queen Anne musket with which he shot the bear is now in the Wilmington historical collection. The oak tree was cut in the 1890s for the construction of a streetcar line that ran the length of Wildwood Street.

There is a great swamp on both sides of Wildwood Street where Maple Meadow Brook crosses. One of the principal tributaries of the Ipswich River, it joins with Lubbers Brook near Jenks Bridget. When there is a flood, this stream often flows across the road, closing it.

The Wildwood School sits

on Buck's Hill, a drumlin formed in the last glacial age, about 10,000 years ago. The hill was a campsite for Native Americans, who for centuries would fish in the nearby brook and grow corn in the field to the east. During the construction of the school, many artifacts were found there.

The houses opposite the school were built in the early 1950s as veterans' housing by the Wilmington Housing Authority. They were rented to veterans of World War II and the Korean War, and were eventually sold to the veterans living there.

The Cushing carnival business is on the left. It was started in the 1940s by Larry Carr.

The land in that area was in the Buck family for more

than 250 years. Benjamin Buck had an extensive hop farm. The house that bears his name is now the oldest in town, parts of it dating from about 1672. It was built by Ephraim Buck. It is nearly the last house on the street.

On the corner is the Darius Buck house, dating from the early 1800s. For many years, it was the home of Henry Wilson Sargent, a bicycle mechanic known as "Henny Penny." Sargent was an eccentric character who charged a penny a minute for mechanical work. He built a whirligig in his yard of Uncle Sam, sawing wood. That whirligig has been sold in auction for upwards of \$12,000.

The area at the end of Wildwood Street was once called "the city." How it got that name is a unknown.

XENON in Wilmington: Baker-Polito administration announces more than \$3.7M to spur innovation in advanced manufacturing

MARLBOROUGH - Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito joined Marlborough Mayor Arthur G. Vigeant and Representative Carmine L. Gentile to announce \$3.7 million in new grants from the Massachusetts Manufacturing Innovation Initiative (M2I2), the Commonwealth's program to invest in innovative advanced manufacturing projects. The Lt. Governor announced three awards that involve partners and project sites across the Commonwealth, including MetroWest, Merrimack Valley, South Coast, North Shore, and Western Massachusetts, highlighting the statewide impact of advanced manufacturing.

Lt. Governor Polito announced the awards at Sheaumann Laser, a 30-person firm based in Marlborough that specializes in the design and manufacture of semiconductor lasers and modules for industrial, defense, medical, and printing applications.

"The M2I2 program invests in projects that reflect the collaborative spirit of our state and highlight Massachusetts' nation leading innovation economy," said Governor Charlie Baker. "These awards support strong business to business partnerships that bring together innovators from across the state and we are pleased to continue to support their continued growth and development in this sector."

The Baker-Polito Administration has committed more than \$100 million in funding to the M2I2 effort, which provides a vehicle for the Commonwealth to invest in the national Manufacturing USA program and advance innovation and job growth through collaboration among companies, universities, national labs, government, incubators, accelerators, and other academic/training institutions. To date, the M2I2 program has invested more than \$50 million.

"Massachusetts' advanced manufacturing strength isn't confined to one city or region, rather it emanates from one end of the state to the other," said Lt. Governor Polito. "M2I2 grants are going to workplaces where technology, sensors, and innovative equipment are integrated into the manufacturing line. Through these awards, we're investing in our homegrown manufacturers, supporting innovative partnerships and investing in high-tech tools that will help drive future job and economic growth."

Under the Manufacturing USA program, Massachusetts is part of the national effort to develop revolutionary functional fibers and textiles, and is participating in regional manufacturing innovation in robotics, integrated photonics, flexible

hybrid electronics, and biopharma. M2I2 awards support critical research and development infrastructure in four of these sectors, working closely with each of the national manufacturing institutes, including Next Flex (flexible hybrid electronics), AIM Photonics (integrated photonics), ARM (robotics), and Cambridge-based AFFOA (advanced functional fabrics).

"While each of these awards is targeted to one of our key focus areas — photonics, robotics, and flexible hybrid electronics — we also recognized how these investments could help impact the Commonwealth's economic success in several legacy industries where Massachusetts has been a national or global leader, including commercial fishing, healthcare, and defense," said Ira Moskowitz, Director of Advanced Manufacturing Programs at the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative, and the program manager for M2I2. "Our hope is that these awards not only spur growth at the program partner sites, but also have direct benefits to these target sectors and other employers in the Commonwealth, amplifying the impact of these investments."

Lt. Governor Polito announced \$ 3,773,400 in awards to three projects:

- Sheaumann Laser Inc. (Marlborough) - \$2,345,000 - Project Name: AIM-compatible DFB, SOA, and high power integrated laser and amplifier devices spanning 780nm to 1800nm
- SI2 (Billerica), Precision (Westfield), XENON (Wilmington), UMass Lowell (Lowell) - \$928,400 - Project Name: Manufacture of Digitally Printed Flex-Hybrid Electronics Systems on Large Complex Surfaces
- Northeastern University (Boston) - \$500,000 - Project Name: Foster Innovation for Seafood Handling (FISH)

"While other semiconductor laser foundries have moved overseas to reduce production costs and maintain a competitive advantage in the market, this solution has never been an option for Sheaumann Laser, because we take pride in providing our customers with high-quality laser products that are grown, processed, and packaged in the United States," said Sheaumann Laser President John Gary Sousa. "The M2I2 capital grant helps immensely in supporting Sheaumann's passion for innovative technology by helping broaden our capabilities in laser growth to include InP wavelengths (1120nm-1875nm) to our current catalog of GaAs wavelengths (780-1080nm). The M2I2 grant will also enable us to increase jobs at our facility by 35-40 percent, helping meet the require-

ments of the AIM Photonics' Initiative. In addition, the expansion of new technology and personnel will help Sheaumann nearly double its current product line, allowing us to continue to compete with overseas foundries while maintaining all production activities in Massachusetts."

"We are thankful for Governor Baker and Lieutenant Governor Polito's focus on economic development across all of Massachusetts," said Mayor Arthur G. Vigeant. "Since Day 1, they've been a partner for Marlborough where we are home to a large cluster of innovative advanced manufacturers. It's great to see Sheaumann Laser, Inc., a Marlborough company, benefiting from the Massachusetts Manufacturing Innovation Initiative."

According to the Manufacturing in Massachusetts, 10 percent of the Commonwealth's total economic output is tied to manufacturing and the Commonwealth exported \$26 billion in manufactured goods in 2016 alone. Roughly 250,000 employees work in the State's manufacturing sector, comprising 7.8 percent of the total workforce in the state.

"I want to congratulate Sheaumann Laser Inc. for being awarded this funding, and applaud the Baker-Polito administration for continuing state investments in advanced manufacturing," said Senator Jamie Eldridge. "As the advanced manufacturing industry continues to grow across communities in the MetroWest region, I think our focus going forward should be to help build partnerships between businesses and local vocational schools to ensure that Massachusetts residents of all ages are prepared for these new manufacturing jobs. We also need to make investments in infrastructure, affordable housing and health care, and transportation to ensure that we have a strong labor force."

"Advanced manufacturing continues to provide more and more good jobs for Massachusetts residents," said Representative Carmine L. Gentile. "Today's grant to Sheaumann Laser will advance the Commonwealth as a national leader in advanced manufacturing. I want to thank the Baker-Polito administration for awarding this grant and congratulate Sheaumann Laser on earning it."

"It is wonderful to see yet another Marlborough company being recognized and awarded by this Administration," said Representative Danielle Gregoire. "This grant will allow Sheaumann Laser Inc. to continue their impressive work designing and fabricating lasers and photonic devices."

This summer, Governor Baker announced \$7 million in M2I2 grants during the ribbon cutting event for UMass Lowell's Fabric Discovery Center, awards which went to programs in each of the four target areas of the M2I2 program. In October, the Lt. Governor also announced a unique partnership with Massachusetts-based software firm PTC to help local small- and medium-sized manufacturers gain access to an industrial innovation software platform that will help boost their operations.

In addition to being the national home for the AFFOA headquarters, the Commonwealth's investments through M2I2 in the flexible-hybrid electronics manufacturing space led to the formation of the NextFlex Massachusetts Node, a move that will help accelerate the development of the manufacturing workforce and promote sustainable advanced manufacturing ecosystems, and enabling the state's representation on the NextFlex Governing Council.

To learn more about the M2I2 program, including how Massachusetts manufacturers can apply for grants, visit <http://m2i2.masstech.org>.

About M2I2:

Launched by the Baker-Polito Administration in 2016, the Massachusetts Manufacturing Innovation Initiative (M2I2) aims to help Massachusetts manufacturers adopt innovative new technologies and guides the state's investment in the Manufacturing USA program. The Administration has committed \$100 million-plus in funding to support M2I2 projects across the Commonwealth; the investments are managed by the Massachusetts Technology

Collaborative. Through the creation of sector-specific Manufacturing USA Centers, M2I2 will advance innovations and job growth within the state through cross-collaboration among companies, universities, national labs, government, incubators, accelerators, and other academic and training institutions.

Award Details:

• SI2 (Billerica), Precision (Westfield), XENON (Wilmington), UMass Lowell (Lowell) - \$928,400 - Manufacture of Digitally Printed Flex-Hybrid Electronics Systems on Large Complex Surfaces

Project description: Enhances the competitiveness of the ecosystem of radome design, test, fabrication, and repair companies in Massachusetts. A radome is a dome protecting radar equipment, such as the nosecone of an

aircraft. The proposal is led by SI2 in Billerica, collaborating with Peerless Precision of Westfield), XENON of Wilmington, and UMass Lowell. The project is being done under the national NextFlex manufacturing institute. To date, systems that print flexible hybrid electronics can print only on very small surfaces (1 cubic foot) for enhancing small munitions radomes. This award creates a system capable of printing 100 cubic feet, which can immerse electronics onto radomes for aircraft, ships, submarines, etc. This would establish a unique capability and a leading edge advantage for Massachusetts radome companies, thereby creating or preserving significant numbers of jobs. Both SI2 and UMass Lowell have received M2I2 grants previously, while this is the first for both Peerless Precision and XENON.

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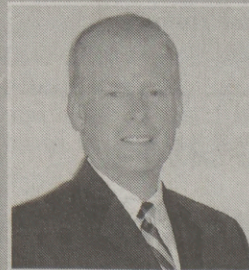
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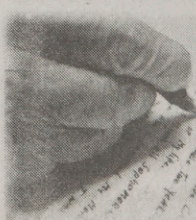
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OPINION



Letters to the editor

\$4,000 raised through Tewksbury Lions Sock Hop

Dear editor:
On Jan. 18, 2019 at the Tewksbury Country Club the Tewksbury Lions held a Sock Hop to benefit our Scholarship Fund. Last year we gave five, \$1500 scholarships to deserving Tewksbury students.

We would like to personally thank Mr. Marc Ginsburg and the staff of Tewksbury Country Club for all their efforts. Also, a special thanks to Mr. Ginsburg for donating the use of the hall. We would also like to thank the residents

of the town for supporting this event.

Through everyone's efforts we were able to raise over \$4 thousand which will go a long way in Lions support of our Scholarship Program.

We would also like to thank all our corporate sponsors. For without their help we would not be able to accomplish such GREAT feats

Sincerely yours,
Jerry Selissen
President Tewksbury Lions Club

Girl Scout Cookies for sale outside Market Basket

Girl Scout Cookies will be for sale outside Market Basket Stadium Plaza and Oakdale Plaza in Tewksbury and Market Basket in Wilmington from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 27

and Sunday, Feb. 3.

Stop by and support the scouts and load up on your favorite Thin Mints, Peanut Butter Patties and more. Donate cookies to troops as well.



▲ Wilmington Girl Scout Troop 79092 sells cookies outside Market Basket in Wilmington. Troops will be selling the next two Sundays from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. in Tewksbury and Wilmington locations. Pictured left to right: Chloe Stryhalaleck, Natalie Santoro, Jasmine Lane and Emily Hall. (Courtesy photo)

'Heartland: A Memoir of Working Hard and Being Broke in the Richest Country on Earth' by Sarah Smarsh

By Eileen MacDougall

The author of this memoir/family history is the scion of five generations of Kansas subsistence farmers. Smarsh was inspired at an early age to break the pervasive cycle of early pregnancy/non-profitable farming/alcoholism/domestic violence that infuses the patriarchy in which she is raised.

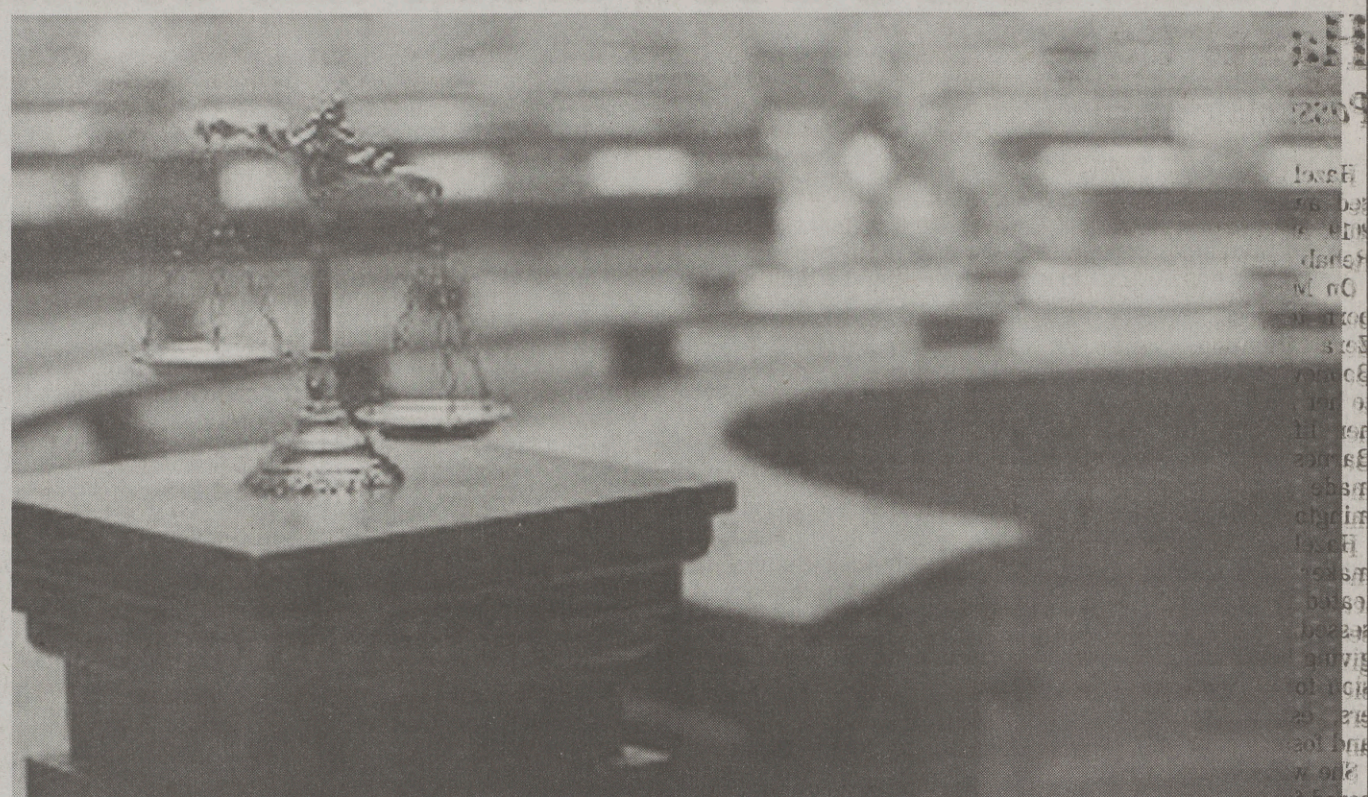
The stories of her mother and father's mothers and fathers, and their mothers and fathers, are marinated in a concept common to many Americans: DON'T GET ABOVE YOURSELF. And when getting above yourself means striving for a life better than the one your parents led, it's unbearable.

ably depressing to be discouraged by the ones who are supposed to love and support you.

But Smarsh still admires most of her relatives, and is never condescending in her recitation of the seemingly endless bad decisions that made their hardscrabble lives even worse.

Quotes: "What it means to be 'country' has changed in the few decades of my lifetime from an experience to a brand culture cultivated by conservative forces."

"Receiving accolades for your academic work was an offense to grandmothers who had left school in tenth grade and were adverse to anyone thinking herself too good for where she came from."



(Courtesy photo)

Mock Trial season commences at TMHS

By MATT FRONDUTO
TMHS Correspondent

Lawyers. The pillars of moral justice in our society. The country's perfect role models for proper etiquette and ethical behavior. Thus, it is only natural for Tewksbury Memorial High School to dedicate a club to grooming and preparing its students to enter such a morally unambiguous, ethically proper field.

Tewksbury Memorial High School offers its students several opportunities to brush up on the intricacies of state and federal law, including Criminal and Civil Law, Psychology and the Law, and several Government classes. For some students though, this array of classes just is not enough to

satisfy their governmental desires.

Luckily for those students, the high school provides a premier opportunity to expand one's knowledge of the law and how it works, particularly within the confines of the courtroom. Every year, 11 of Tewksbury High's most law-oriented students enter a courtroom to square off against competing schools, in an effort to prove which of the teams is more properly prepared for the fictional case with which they have been presented.

Months in advance, the clubs are provided with packets produced by the Mass Bar Association, laying out the details of the case, with incredibly specific

affidavits for each of the fictional witnesses. Students play the parts of both witnesses and lawyers (Three witnesses, six lawyers, an opening and a closing statement), and are graded by an impartial judge on a scale from one to 10, one being the worst, 10 the best.

The club combines an interesting mix of public speaking skills, theatrics, and thorough knowledge of the law, a combination that few other clubs at the school are likely to provide. If a student is playing the role of a lawyer, they must know the case well, but also be adept when it comes to the case at hand. As for the witnesses, they must have the ability to memorize crucial information about

their character, and truly sell the performance to the judge.

So far this year, Tewksbury's Mock Trial club only has participated in one of their three trials this year, and while they did not pull out a victory, they fought valiantly against a Chelmsford team that has an entire class dedicated to these competitions. TMHS's next competition is Thursday, Jan. 24 against Wilmington, with whom the team has fostered a healthy rivalry.

The club is, overall, a very entertaining and effective way to improve students' knowledge of the law, as well as their public speaking skills, so if you are an underclassman, give it a shot next year!

Recent storm, helping students and school shootings

By PAUL ANDREWS

This column has a number of issues but first I want to comment on the recent storm, which had some serious criticism of the predictions of not living up to the weather statements made by those on TV or radio.

My intention in this column is to say that I felt the same as most folks until I read a Saturday edition of the *Globe* where a story was very clear that the National Weather Service folks nationwide, including locally here in Norton, Mass., were part of the group of federal employees who were out of work and called back but unpaid because of the federal government shutdown.

Let's face reality the national data is a vital component of all weather predictions and, therefore, this was most likely a component in some of the trouble in calling the prediction and direction of the storm we received over the weekend. Would it be possible that some of the offices of the National Weather Service were not fully staffed or that some misses were made because of the shutdown? I do not know the answer to this question but the whole idea that folks are called back to work for the federal government and receive no pay is to me just so unfair.

While Congress is apparently looking into the process of payment legislation for work done, the entire reality that this took place speaks to the stupidity of someone in DC to let this shutdown continue. My intent is not to get into the politics between the White House and Congress but wow is something horribly wrong to place the blunt of the financial issue on the backs of federal employees being requested to return to work unpaid.

Good human beings

"I think that helping young-sters become good human beings has never changed. That is a constant and has always been my essential question for the year," said Heidi Crumrine in the *Council Chronicle*.

That statement really caught my attention, as I always saw it as a goal for all good teachers PK-16. Sometimes we get so hung up with details, test results, rank in class, grade point average, honor roll plus other procedures, that we forget, as educators and parents, that we need to focus on our young people becoming "good human beings" to settle into a life they desire and set as "their goals."

Stunning Data

While we do not want to think about it, 2018 saw 24 school shootings with injury or deaths, 114 people killed or injured in a school shooting, 35 people killed in school shootings, 79 people injured, 28 students killed and 7 school employees or other adults killed. Most of the deaths were at the Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida and the Santa Fe High School in Santa Fe, Texas.

This data from Ed Week makes us really reach out in prayer and remembrance as our school officials every day attempt to secure our schools.

Issues of significant efforts include well-developed plans, several drills for internal security and emergency evacuation and to always be ready, as our culture has changed so much, all schools are vulnerable with communication, serious practices and solid procedures needed to be in place, taken seriously in conjunction with local

fire and police staff.

Meaning of life

I cannot personalize this with names but some readers will figure this out, as my admiration goes to all members of a wonderful extended family who are very special. About a year ago, on a Sunday, I decided to visit a retired wonderful teacher who was in a local *Daily Times Chronicle* area nursing home. He was a great gentleman, who I would see at the newspaper door to get the first copy off the press every day until hospitalized and entering the nursing home.

When I arrived I found this gentleman surrounded by his family watching television and really having a good time enjoying his wife, son

and grandson. While I am not sure he knew me, we had a great conversation. As he left him, his wonderful wife followed me to the elevator and thanked me for coming and then shocked me with the comment, "Paul, I will not be far behind."

She told me her story, which she said so clearly that my admiration for her had no bounds. This wonderful lady passed this past week to join her husband, as she was so right. May the feelings of that couple multiply a hundred fold as we go through our lives.

JUST A NOTE — My thanks for honoring me by taking the time to read this column and feel free to e-mail andrews@massupst.org or follow me on twitter at [PAULANDREWS](https://twitter.com/PAULANDREWS) andrewsmass

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OBITUARIES

Hazel Barnes

Passionate and dedicated foster mom

Hazel Dean Barnes, 81, passed away Monday, Jan. 21, 2019, at Tupelo Nursing and Rehab Center.

On May 20, 1937, she was born to Joseph Bailey and Zera Fleming Bailey in Booneville. She was married to her soul mate and love of her life, the late Norman Barnes for 33 years and they made their home in Wilmington, Massachusetts.

Hazel was quite the homemaker and a passionate dedicated foster mom. She possessed a selfless soul with a giving heart who had a passion for taking care of others, especially her family and foster children.

She will forever be remembered for her nurturing spirit as she was a wonderful moth-

er. She enjoyed spending time with her family and especially her grandchildren.

Survivors include her sons, James Barnes of Tupelo, Richard Barnes and his wife, Meredith of Tupelo, Scott Barnes of Mantachie and Stephen Barnes of Canada; seven grandchildren, Jennifer Norris and her husband Brian of Newburyport, Massachusetts, Krystal Alfreds and her husband Charlie of Tupelo, Amanda Barnes of Charlotte, North Carolina, Brianna Barnes of Tupelo, Natalie Barnes of Tupelo, Randall Barnes of Memphis, Tennessee and Joey Barnes of Tupelo; eight great-grandchildren; three sisters, Earnestine White of Booneville, Brenda Little and her hus-

band, Randy of Tupelo and Faye Foster and her husband, Tony of Tupelo.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Norman Barnes; parents, Joseph and Zera Bailey; and brother, Jake "JC" Bailey.

Visitation was from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 23, 2019 at W.E. Pegues, Tupelo.

Graveside services honoring her life was at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 23, 2019 at Tupelo Memorial Park.

The service will be live streamed and recorded for those who may not be able to attend at www.peguesfuneralhome.com.

Expressions of sympathy may be left at www.peguesfuneralhome.com.

Donald Stephen Tucker

Inducted into NE Deaf Basketball Hall-of-Fame

Donald Stephen Tucker, age 87, a long-time resident of Wilmington, passed away peacefully with his wife Marguerite at his side on Jan. 19, 2019.

Donald was born in Worcester, MA on March 8, 1931; he was the dear son of the late Edward and Agnes Tucker. Donald was raised in Worcester; he attended Up-sala Street School in Worcester, Clarke School in Northampton, and Worcester Trade High School in Worcester.

Donald was an exceptional athlete in basketball and baseball. He was inducted into the New England Athletic Association of the Deaf Basketball Hall of Fame in 1982.

In 1954, Donald married the "love of his life" Marguerite (Beauregard) Tucker; the couple moved to Worcester, Springfield, Agawam, and then Wilmington (1964) where they raised their family. Donald was a very devoted and loving husband, father and grandfather.

Donald was known to be a man of great faith and wisdom; he was a member of St. Thomas of Villanova Church in Wilmington and Sacred Heart Church in Newton for many years.

Donald was also a hard worker and a life-long wood patternmaker. Donald was creative, artistic and articulate about his work. In later years, he owned his own pattern shop in his garage.

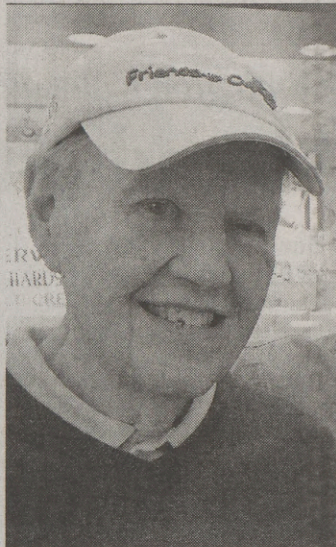
Donald was always helping others and was proactive in his causes; he was one of the co-founders of the Massachusetts State Association of the Deaf and was their first secretary/treasurer. He volunteered at the New England Homes for the Deaf in Danvers, the Learning Center in Framingham and in later years was a part-time DeafBlind provider.

Donald will be fondly remembered for his wonderful sense of humor, his easy-going personality and for his love of America and its principles of freedom.

Donald was a great guy who would do anything to help anyone; he loved his family and friends unconditionally and with all his heart. Donald will forever be missed by those who knew and loved him.

Donald was the beloved husband of Marguerite I. (Beauregard) Tucker of Wilmington, devoted father of Stephen G. Tucker of Wilmington, James E. Tucker of Middletown, MD and Maryjean Tucker of Swampscott. Loving grandfather of Bradford Tucker of Baltimore, MD and Claire Tucker of St. Paul, MN.

Cherished son of the late Edward J. and Agnes (Mara) Tucker, dear brother of the late Agnes (Tucker) McGrath & her late husband Paul, the late Jean (Tucker) Kravsov & her late husband Irving, the late Edward Tucker, and Robert Tucker



of Vernon, CT & his late wife Madeline Tucker.

Donald was also survived by many nieces, nephews, and friends.

Family and friends will gather at the Nichols Funeral Home, 187 Middlesex Ave. (Rt. 62), Wilmington, MA on Friday, Jan. 25 for visitation from 10 - 11:45 a.m. followed by a Mass of Christian Burial in St. Thomas of Villanova Church, 126 Middlesex Ave., Wilmington, MA. Interment will follow in Wildwood Cemetery, Wilmington, MA.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Donald's memory may be made to Maryland School for the Deaf Foundation, P. O. Box 636, Frederick, MD 21705, msd-foundation.org or to the New England Homes for the Deaf, 154 Water St., Danvers, MA 01923, nehd.org. www.nicholsfuneralhome.com

Paul L. Giordano, Sr.

US Navy vet, served aboard USS Ticonderoga

Paul L. Giordano, Sr., age 81, a long-time resident of Wilmington, formerly of Chelsea, passed away peacefully on Jan. 20, 2019, at the Holden Skilled Nursing Center in Holden, MA.

Paul was born on Aug. 9, 1937; he was the dear son of the late Joseph and Laura Giordano. Paul was raised and educated in Chelsea and a graduate of Chelsea High School.

Following graduation, Paul enlisted in the United States Navy on Jan. 21, 1955 and he proudly served aboard the USS Ticonderoga. Paul was released from active duty in April of 1959 and went on to serve in the Navy Reserves until September of 1963.

Paul married his "sweetheart" Helen Malek on Dec. 9, 1960; the couple spent more than 54 years together before Helen's passing in February of 2015.

Paul and Helen lived in Chelsea for many years before moving to Wilmington over 30 years ago. Paul was a devoted husband, father and "Papa"; he cherished the time he spent with his family especially the grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Prior to retiring, Paul, was employed as a truck driver for the Stop & Shop grocery chain for many years.

In his spare time, he loved to travel with Helen and fol-

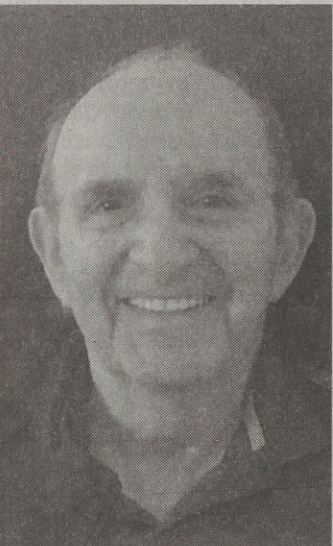
low all the Boston sports teams; his favorite being the New England Patriots.

Paul and Helen enjoyed being "snowbirds" at their home in River View, Florida. Paul made many friends in Florida; he enjoyed playing volleyball and taking long walks while he was there.

Following Helen's passing, Paul's health declined, and he took up residence at the Holden Skilled Nursing Facility. Paul loved his new surroundings; he was always involved in the latest activities going on and was a competitive bingo player. Paul met many new friends and enjoyed his time in Holden.

Paul will be remembered as a "great guy" who loved helping people. He enjoyed being with his family and friends who will miss him terribly.

Paul was the beloved husband of the late Helen K. (Malek) Giordano, devoted father of Linda A. Brown & her husband Norman of Milford, NH, Michael Geer of Florida and Paul L. Giordano, Jr. of Wilmington, loving "Papa" of Kristina Pelczarski & her husband Robert of Paxton, Norman Brown IV & his wife Keri of Lynnfield, Matthew Brown of Ayer, Joseph Giordano of Wilmington, Karissa Skotedis & her husband Tom of PA, Kristoffer Geer of UT and great-grandchildren Brennan, Kailey, Isabella,



Sophia, Spencer, McKenzie, Addison, Arabella, Kristoffer, Christian and Julian.

Cherished son of the late Joseph and Laura (Axworthy) Giordano, dear brother of Catherine Young of Nashua, NH, David Giordano of Duxbury and the late Barbara Giordano. Paul is also survived by several nieces, nephews and a large extended family in Canada.

Family and friends will gather for a Funeral Service on Friday, Jan. 25 at 1 p.m. in the Nichols Funeral Home, 187 Middlesex Ave. (Rt. 62), Wilmington, MA. Interment with Military Honors will follow in Wildwood Cemetery, Wilmington, MA. Visiting Hours will be held at the Funeral Home on Thursday, Jan. 24 from 5 - 8 p.m.

www.nicholsfuneralhome.com

David E. Richards

Joined the US Navy during the Korean War

David E. Richards, age 84, of Wilmington, passed away peacefully on Jan. 18, 2019, at the Lahey Clinic in Burlington.

David was born on May 10, 1934, in Winchester, MA; he was the dear son of the late William and Dorothy Richards. David was raised in Reading, and attended Reading Public Schools.

In June of 1952, David enlisted in the United States Navy and proudly served the country during the Korean War. He served aboard the USS Picking Naval Ship which was recommissioned in response to the Korean War; David served overseas for more than three years before returning stateside to Long Beach, CA.

He was honorably discharged from active duty on June 1, 1956 and returned home to his family in Reading.

Following his return home, David enrolled at the Culinary Institute in Connecticut and began his long career as a chef. David loved to cook and make people with his culinary creations. He worked in several restaurants and country clubs before taking a position at an assisted-living center. David continued to take classes throughout his career and

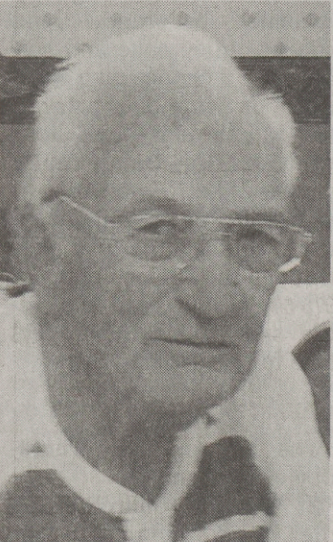
earned his associate degree in occupational therapy.

In 1957, David married his sweetheart Shirley Henderson; the couple moved to Wilmington in 1964 where they raised their family. David was a very devoted and loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather; he enjoyed attending the countless sporting and school events of his children and grandchildren throughout the years. David always beamed with pride as he spoke of his family; they were truly the light of his life.

David will be fondly remembered for his sense of humor, his love of all Boston sports teams and the pride he had as he wore his "famous" Korean War hat. David was greatly loved and will forever be missed by his family and friends.

David was the beloved husband of Shirley J. (Henderson) Richards, devoted father of Donna L. Aronofsky of Wilmington, David E. Richards, Jr. of Billerica and the late Thomas E. Richards. Loving "Grampa" of David Aronofsky, Michael Aronofsky, Tom Richards & his wife Kaci, Tyler Richards and great-grandchildren Lucas & Olivia Richards.

Cherished son of the late William E. and Dorothy M.



(Babine) Richards, dear brother of Dorothy Haselton & her husband James of Bedford, NH and Laura Warren of Peabody.

Family and friends gathered for a Funeral Service on Wednesday, Jan. 23 at 11 a.m. in the Nichols Funeral Home, 187 Middlesex Ave. (Rt. 62), Wilmington. Interment with Military Honors followed in Wildwood Cemetery, Wilmington. Visiting Hours were held at the Funeral Home on Tuesday, Jan. 22 from 6 - 8 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations in David's memory may be made to The Jimmy Fund, 10 Brookline Place West, 6th Floor, Brookline, MA 02445-7226.

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Four students make President's List at SNHU

MANCHESTER, NH - It is with great pleasure that Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) congratulates the following students on being named to the fall 2018 President's List.

Eligibility for the President's

List requires that a student accumulate an academic grade point average (GPA) of 3.7-4.0 and earn 12 credits for the semester.

• Emily Carroll of Wilmington
• Rael Gallucci of Wil-

mington

• Emily Monteforte of Wilmington

• Karah Chaisson of Tewksbury

Learn more at www.snhu.edu.

Six students make Dean's List at SNHU

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Eligibility for the Dean's List requires that a student accumulate an academic grade point average (GPA) of 3.5-3.699 and earn 12 credits for the semester.

• John Miller of Wilmington
• Christina Natola of Wilmington

• Jake Paolucci of Wilmington
• Erin Briley of Tewksbury
• Katelyn Carmichael of Tewksbury
• Devin Souza of Tewksbury

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Five students make Dean's List at Curry College

MILTON - Curry College is proud to announce that the following student has been named to the Dean's List for the Spring 2018 semester.

To qualify for the Dean's List, students must earn a 3.30 GPA, have no incompletes, and have no grade lower than a "C" for the semester.

The following student has been named to the Fall 2018 Dean's List:

• Samantha Belmonte of Wilmington
• Rachel Johansson of Wilmington
• Gavin MacDonald of Tewksbury
• Brendan Barraclough of Tewksbury

• Grant Callanan of Tewksbury

About Curry College

Founded in 1879, Curry College is a private, four-year, liberal arts-based institution located on 131 acres in Milton, Mass. Curry extends its educational programs to a continuing education branch campus in Plymouth, Mass.

Curry offers 27 undergraduate majors, as well as graduate degrees in business, education, criminal justice, and nursing, with a combined enrollment of approximately 3,000 students.

The student body consists of approximately 2,000 traditional undergraduate stu-

dents, and over 1,000 continuing education and graduate students. Approximately 75 percent of its students reside on the Curry campus.

The largest majors are business management, communication, nursing, criminal justice, and education. The College offers a wide array of extra-curricular activities ranging from 14 NCAA Division III athletic teams to an outstanding theatre program.

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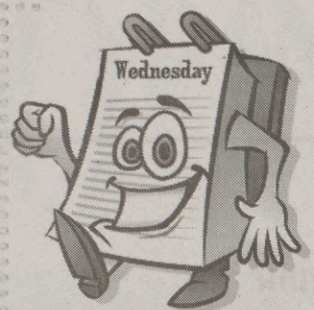
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Wilmington Calendar:

Abundant Life Open House on Jan. 29

How to Go to College... Without Going Broke!
Thursday January 24
Chateau Restaurant, 131 River Road in Andover
Attend a college planning workshop and free dinner seminar on at The Chateau Restaurant. Learn how to qualify for the most financial aid, reduce your college tuition bills, and reduce your stress and anxiety. Reservations are required. Register at collegeplanningservices.org or call John DeLorey of College Planning Services at 978-462-1666.

Ipswich River Winter Walk
Saturday, January 26 12:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.
Rain date January 27 same time
Route dependent on conditions. The group will meet in the rear parking lot of Angelica's in Middleton. Wear shoes with good tread. Escape cabin fever and get outside with the Middleton Stream Team and Ipswich River. The woodland route in the wilds of Middleton will depend on snow and ice conditions so they plan to meet at Angelica's rear parking lot, corner of Routes 114 and 62, Middleton, at 12:00. From there they'll direct participants to the hike starting point. Children are welcome. Check the Middleton Stream Team's site the week before the hike for further information or call 978-774-1507 after

4:00 p.m.

Abundant Life Open House
Tuesday, January 29 from 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
Abundant Life Christian School, 173 Church Street
The Abundant Life Christian School and Learning Center will be holding an Open House for infants through 5th grade for the 2019-2020 school year. Abundant Life has been growing kids God's way since 1982. Abundant Life Christian School is located at 173 Church Street, across from the Wilmington Town Common. Call 978-657-8710 or visit ablifeschool.com for more information.

Ipswich River Community Chorus
Mondays from 7:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.
Aldersgate Church, 235 Park Street in North Reading
Love to sing? Join the Ipswich River Community Chorus for their upcoming spring season! No experience is necessary, and they provide practice CDs for all members. The chorus meets on Monday's from 7:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m. Rehearsals begin on January 7. New members are welcome through February 4! For more information, check out the Ipswich River Community Chorus on Facebook or visit IpswichRiverChorus.org.

Knights of Columbus Cribbage

Mondays at 7:00 p.m.
Knights of Columbus
If you will be looking for something to do on Monday nights during the fall and winter, then how about playing some cribbage? The Wilmington Knights of Columbus will host cribbage matches beginning on Monday, September 10 and continuing through the winter into early spring. Play begins at 7:00 p.m. and lasts about two hours. The competition is head to head for five games against five different opponents. There is a small entry fee and at the end of the night the two top scorers will receive cash prizes. If you are interested, the club is located on Middlesex Ave behind St. Thomas church, and the matches are held in the members lounge which is accessed at the rear of the building. The lounge has a cash bar and we have two large screen TVs so that you can keep an eye on your favorite teams. This is an adult activity and they are looking for players male and female at all skill levels. If you have any questions, please call Bob at 978-851-4985.

Alateen
The first and third Thursday of each month
St Williams Church (middle brick building), 1351 Main Street in Tewksbury
When there is evidence of

alcoholism or drug use in a family, you can see the effects on the other family members, especially young people. Alateen meetings provide mutual support for young people affected by someone else's drinking and drug use. Come speak with teens who know exactly how you feel. The meetings are confidential and a safe place to share experiences, strength, and hope with each other; discuss difficulties; learn effective ways to cope with problems; encourage one another; help each other understand the principles of the Al-Anon program; and learn how to use the Twelve Steps and Alateen's Twelve Traditions. For more information on the Tewksbury meeting, call Maria Ruggiero at 978-851-7373 X352. For more information on Alanon/Alateen, call 508-366-0556 or visit anon.alateen.org/for-alateen.

Safety seat installation
Every Wednesday from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
Public Safety Building, 1 Adelaide Street
The Wilmington Police Department offers safety seat installs at the Wilmington Public Safety Building (1 Adelaide St.) every Wednesday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. No appointment is necessary, but calling ahead at 978-658-5071 is recommended.

Tewksbury Calendar:

Backyard Chicken Basics in Tewksbury

WIND North Employment Networking
Wednesday, January 23 from 9:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
Wilmington United Methodist Church, 87 Church Street in Wilmington
The event will be held downstairs in the church's Fellowship Hall. The cost is \$10 for active WIND members or \$20 for all others. The meeting features round-the-table networking, relevant business news, and a program. Joan Kulash, Executive Director of Community Inroads, a non-profit that pairs volunteers with non-profits in need of short-term expertise. She will speak on the many benefits of volunteering during job transition. To learn more, visit windnetworking.net.

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Girl Scout Cookies
Saturday, January 26 from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
Girl Scout Cookies will be

on sale this Saturday at Market Basket Stadium, Oakdale and Wilmington Plazas. If you cannot make it and want cookies, please contact Christine Chesbrough at 978-863-1958 or chesbro@comcast.net.

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Backyard Chicken (Hen) Basics in Tewksbury
Saturday, February 2 from 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Tewksbury Public Library Meeting Room, 300 Chandler Street
Health Director Susan Sawyer, Animal Inspector Pamela Thomas and Town Nurse

Sarah Kinghorn will review the recently revised Tewksbury Board of Health Regulation ("Minimum Standards for the Keeping of Animals") which now allows residents to raise backyard chickens (hens). Learn what you should know before deciding to purchase those cute chicks!

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SilverTones 3rd Friday Dance
7:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. beginning September 21
Tewksbury Senior Center at 275 Chandler Street
The Tewksbury SilverTones have returned from summer hiatus and will be performing for the remainder of the year on its "3rd Friday Dance" schedule. This is the start of its 18th year of entertaining. The 20-

piece professional orchestra now led by Mary Beth Foley-Cummings will perform for listening and dancing in all genres of familiar music with the vocals of Barbara Braxton, for singles and couples. The \$10 admission per person will include cake, coffee/tea and free ice. Come join the fun, and peruse the collection of albums, photos, and news articles that the SilverTones have amassed in its nearly 18 years. Attendees are encouraged to bring along their favorite beverages and snacks, though there is a \$1 soda machine on site. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Open rehearsals are always free admission. Bring along your favorite beverages and snacks, enjoy cake and coffee, take a chance on a 50/50 raffle or win a door prize (2. free admissions) and hear what a Big Band really sounds like! Families are welcome. For more information, contact the manager through the Senior Center at 978-640-4480. In case of possible snow-cancellations, feel free to call 978-851-7580.

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Fitzpatrick named to Dean's List at Providence College

PROVIDENCE, RI - Kate Fitzpatrick, a resident of Wilmington and a member of the class of 2021, has been named to the Dean's List at Providence College for the Fall 2018 semester. To qualify for the Dean's List, students must achieve at least a 3.55 grade point average with a minimum of 12 credits. Founded in 1917, Providence College is the only

college or university in the United States administered by the Dominican Friars and has an undergraduate enrollment of approximately 4,000 students. Providence College consistently has been ranked among the top five regional universities in the North according to U.S. News & World Report's "America's Best Colleges."

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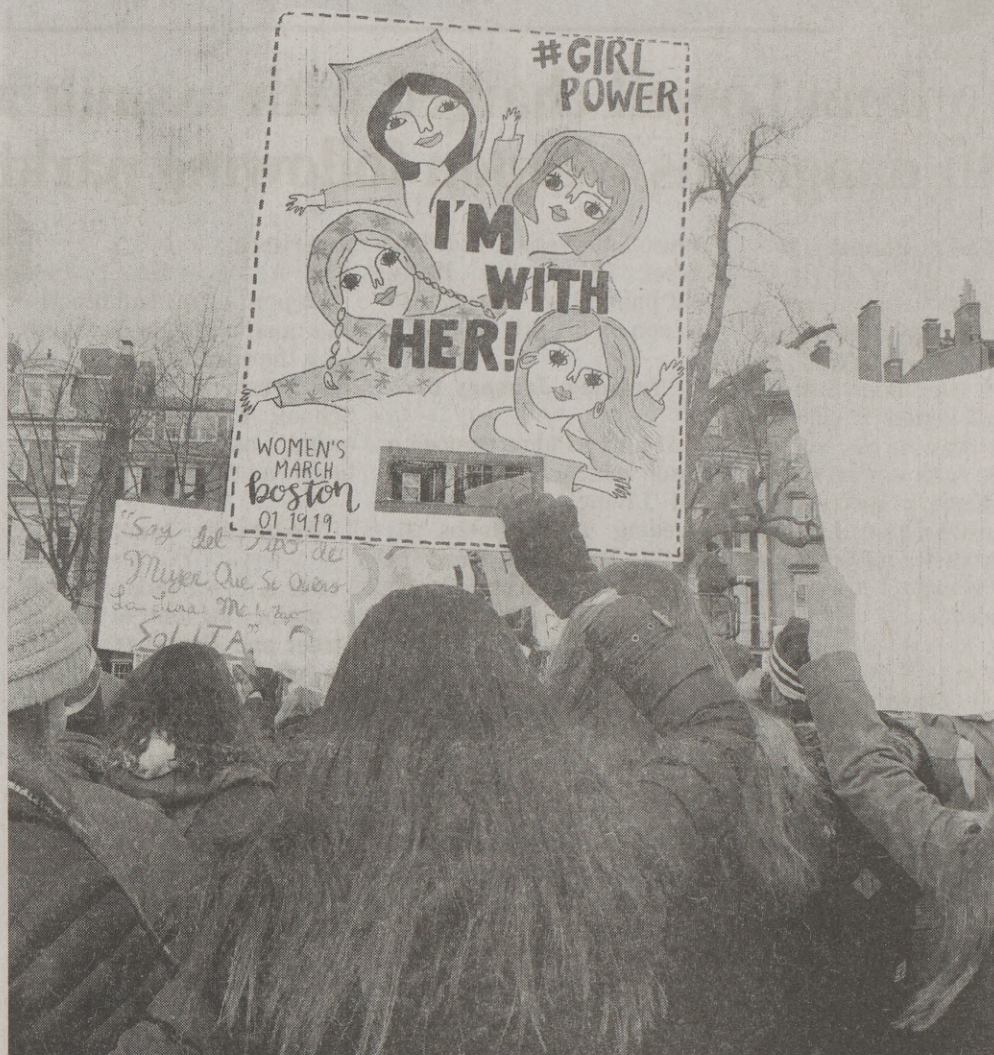
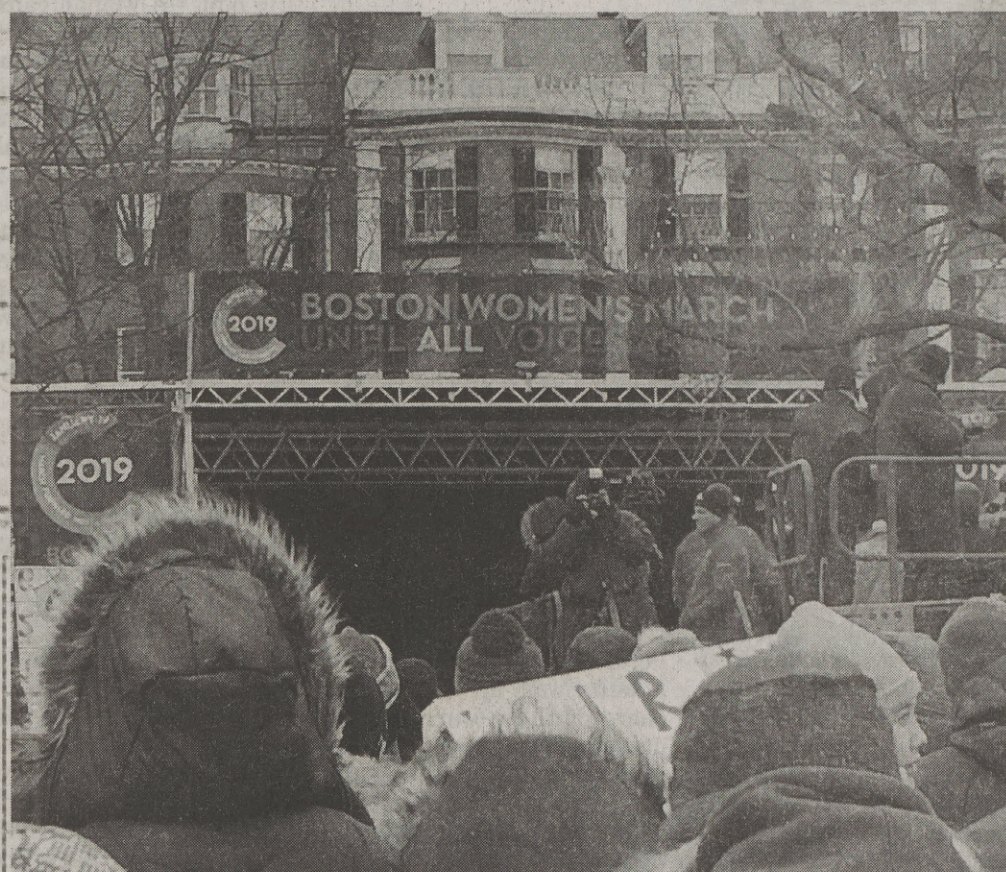
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Lifestyle

Scenes from 2019's Boston's Women's March which was held on Boston Common.
(Photos by Heather Burns)



Through controversy, Women's March rolls on

By HEATHER BURNS
News Correspondent

Saturday, Jan. 19, 2019, marked the third anniversary of the historic Women's March, when five million women worldwide marched the streets in protest of the inauguration of President Donald Trump and the inequality of women in 2017.

To mark this historic anniversary, protesters took to the streets once again in Boston, Washington D.C., New York, and other major cities throughout the country.

The Boston event is run by the organization March Forward Massachusetts, which is independent from the National Women's March organization, Women's March Inc. This group drew an estimated 175,000 people to the Boston Common in 2017. In 2018, the march was moved to Cambridge, and this year, in 2019, took place once again on Boston Common.

Controversy has clouded this year's National Women's March. Women's March Inc. leader, Tamika Mallory, has been criticized for her association with Louis Farrakhan, the leader of the Nation of Islam. Farrakhan publicly blamed the Jewish community in particular for black oppression. Mallory has publicly refused to condemn his comments against the Jewish community, and instead defends her loyalty to Farrakhan based on his work

for the black community.

Controversy worsened after another original founder of the National March said that she believed she was shunted aside because of her Jewish identity. Dispute over this accusation caused the Democratic National Committee to back out of sponsorship of the D.C. National March.

Despite the blanket of controversy on the national level, and the local cold temperatures, thousands of protesters turned out in Boston Common in the name of equality, and activists from all walks of life were in attendance.

Protester and college student Sara Taylor said of her participation, "This is an important event because, to me, the Women's March should be a message to those in power that we care about our rights. It also should be intersectional in celebrating and supporting all those from minority groups."

Headlining this year's march in Boston was Representative Ayanna Pressley, who is the first black woman to represent Massachusetts in Congress.

Congresswoman Pressley said to the crowds of activists on the Common, "I know it's cold out here, but the pursuit of justice is uncomfortable and inconvenient. You believe in the pursuit of equality and quality and justice, and you believe that women deserve some r-e-s-p-e-c-t."

Inclusion was the message of the day given by Pressley and other speakers



in attendance that included women leaders of the ACLU, NAACP, the Jewish Alliance for Law, the United American Indians of NE, Planned Parenthood, the Brazilian Work Center, as well as transgender leaders and victims of gun violence. All speakers spoke of the need to unite in opposition of any rhetoric that targets one group against another.

The crowds were filled with activist carried signs promoting equality for women in the workplace and in government. There were also many protesters that displayed posters criticizing the Trump administration.

A small conservative group was in attendance to support pro-life policies and President Trump. At times, insults were yelled

between the Pro-Trump protesters and the Women's March participants, but the Boston Police were able to keep the peace and separate the two groups without incident.

The proof in the pudding of the impact of protests like the Women's March showed in the 2018 midterm election, when a record number of women ran for

public office. 36 newly elected women have entered the U.S. Congress, and organizers of the Women's March feel that is a direct result of the Women's March movement. Four women have already thrown their hats into the ring for the 2020 Democratic Presidential race, showing that the women's movement will continue march on.

Baker-Polito administration awards \$3.3M in skills capital grants

BILLERICA — The Baker-Polito Administration awarded nearly \$3.3 million in Skills Capital Grants to 31 high schools and educational institutions, enabling the schools to acquire the newest technologies to educate students and expand programs. The Governor and his three Cabinet secretaries on the Workforce Skills Cabinet made the announcement at Shawsheen Regional Technical High School, which has received more than \$1 million in Skills Capital Grants over the past three years.

With today's announcement, the Baker-Polito Administration has awarded more than \$52 million to 188 different programs over the past three years. Through the grants, schools have been able to expand their enrollment capacity, adding more than 10,000 additional students in educational programs across the Commonwealth.

This round of Skills Capital Grants aimed to give funds to educational institutions which focused on helping

residents with barriers to employment, including those who are unemployed or underemployed, lack English proficiency, or residents who do not have degrees or certificates and need new skills to obtain good-paying jobs.

Along with awarding the new grants, Governor Baker announced an additional \$12 million is available for schools to apply for now. The 2018 Economic Development Bill, filed by the Governor and passed by the Legislature, established an additional \$75 million in funding for Skills Capital Grants. The grants range from \$50,000 to \$500,000.

The goal of the Skills Capital Grants is to help high schools, colleges and other educational institutions invest in the most up-to-date training equipment to give their students an advantage when they continue in their chosen field or particular area of study. The Skills Capital Grants cover a broad array of fields, from construction and engineering to healthcare and hospitality.

"Skills Capital Grants impact the education of thousands of young people across the Commonwealth and give them new opportunities and skills for a successful future," Governor Charlie Baker said. "We are proud of the 10,000 new seats that have been added to these programs across Massachusetts and we look forward to continuing our work with schools and teachers to give more students the experience and knowledge that employers demand."

"Skills Capital Grants create important career pathways for both students and adult learners across the Commonwealth to support key industries," Lt. Governor Karyn Polito said. "Each program we visit is full of inspiring students excited to work with new equipment, so we look forward to this next round of grants and what it will mean for Massachusetts schools."

The competitive grants are awarded to educational institutions that demonstrate

partnerships with local businesses, as well as align curriculum and credentials with industry demand, in order to maximize hiring opportunities in each region of the state.

"These grants awarded today will be particularly impactful to residents who have barriers to employment. They will now be able to learn and gain new skills in programs that offer residents career opportunities," Education Secretary James Peyser said. "Across the Commonwealth, we are working to develop college and career pathways for both students and adult learners."

"Meeting the demands of today's employers requires a highly skilled workforce, experienced with the right tools and technology," said Secretary of Housing and Economic Development Mike Kennealy. "These grants provide an important upgrade in classrooms and training centers, giving the next generation the edge they need to compete for the exciting jobs

available in our nation-leading innovation economy."

"These grants give students and adults the tools and training they need to access some of the Commonwealth's highest growth and highest wage job sectors," said Secretary of Labor and Workforce Development Rosalin Acosta. "By matching these training programs to the real time needs of employers we are closing skills gaps and ensuring that businesses across Massachusetts continue to have access to the country's best trained labor pool."

The Skills Capital Grants are awarded by Governor Baker's Workforce Skills Cabinet. Governor Baker and Lt. Governor Polito created the Workforce Skills Cabinet in 2015, bringing together the Secretariats of Education, Labor and Workforce Development, and Housing and Economic Development in order to align education, economic development and workforce policies, and to strategize around how to

meet employers' demand for skilled workers in each region of the state.

The following schools and educational institutions received Skills Capital Grants:

Shawsheen Valley Regional Vocational School, Billerica - \$125,000 Advanced Manufacturing

Shawsheen Valley Regional Vocational School will modernization and update the drafting program and new engineering curriculum. The funding will enable the school to enroll a greater number of students and to offer new adult training programs in drafting and engineering design, as well as related advanced manufacturing courses to meet local employer demands. The grant funding will support purchase of collaborative display computer workstations capable of running the latest industry-standard software. Also, the addition of bench model technology will reinforce software training with hands-on, experiential learning opportunities.



Tewksbury Police Log

Two from Lowell charged with assault and battery with dangerous weapon following parking lot fight

Monday, January 14

1:57 a.m. - Police out at Longhorn Steakhouse with a motor vehicle showing suspended. Alexander Tavaréz, 19, of 57 Willow St. in Lawrence, was arrested and charged with a warrant for leave scene property damage, a warrant for uninsured motor vehicle, and operating motor vehicle with license suspended.

5:40 a.m. - A 911 caller at Pleasant Street and Heritage Drive reported a suspicious dark in color four-door sedan driving around. Police sent but gone on arrival.

7:11 a.m. - A suspicious white male walked with a red hood and jeans at Castle Street. Police sent. He was located at Vic's Waffles. Police watched the male walk to Cumberland Farms, and he did not appear to be doing anything suspicious.

2:06 p.m. - Call for a suspi-

cious motor vehicle at North Street. Police sent. Party had pulled over to speak to his son on his cell phone.

Tuesday, January 15

5:57 a.m. - Police stopped a motor vehicle at East Street and Livingston Street for speeding. Brian Hobbs, 31, of 121 Trincroft Road in Medford, was arrested and charged with a warrant for unlicensed operation warehouse district.

11:15 a.m. - A black extended pickup truck with poles on the back kept driving around the Rogers Street. Police sent. A truck fitting that description was at a construction site, possibly getting their materials.

4:49 p.m. - A male party tried to return gift cards for cash and threatened the staff at Walmart. Police sent and noted a notice of trespass was issued in hand. Police returned with the

paperwork.

7:35 p.m. - A 911 call reported a motor vehicle drove up onto the median in front of Tewksbury Memorial High School. Police sent. The owner was waiting for AAA to arrive. All clear.

Wednesday, January 16

12:41 a.m. - Police stopped a motor vehicle at Main Street and Route 495 South for suspended/revoked insurance. Sabrina Ryan, 40, of 282 High St. in Lowell, was arrested and charged with a warrant for operating after suspended.

5:59 a.m. - Employee at Dunkin' Donuts reported a suspicious vehicle parked at the dumpster by the drive thru. Police sent. The suspicious person was an employee at the store waiting for his shift to begin.

1:15 p.m. - Mail carrier reported the front door to

Jills Way residence was open when he arrived to deliver a package but it did not appear anyone was home. Police sent. It appeared to be an oversight and the neighbors would notify the residents when they returned home.

6:12 p.m. - Detail officer reported a three-car motor vehicle accident at Cracker Barrel Old Country Store. Eileen McMahon-Woods, 50, of 130 John St. in Lowell, was arrested and charged with two warrants for operating after suspended.

9:44 p.m. - Police stopped a motor vehicle at Main Street and Route 495 North for a registered owner showing suspended. Samuel Mbugua, 29, of 213 Shaw St. in Lowell, was arrested and charged with a warrant for unregistered motor vehicle, a warrant for operating after suspension, a warrant for operating after suspended, and operating motor vehicle with

license suspended.

Thursday, January 17

8:32 a.m. - Billerica Police Department called to report a suspicious vehicle at Whipple Road. Nothing was found.

10:16 a.m. - Ana Berrio, 53, of 19 Washington St. in Lowell, was arrested and charged with utter false check, forgery of check, and attempt to commit crime larceny over \$1,200.

Friday, January 18

6:19 a.m. - Police at Motel 6 attempt to serve a warrant. Jhordan Mercedes, 27, of 118 Genesee St. in Lawrence, was arrested and charged with a warrant for uninsured motor vehicle.

9:49 a.m. - Walk in party for a meeting with a detective at Police Headquarters, confirmed warrant. Jimenez Perez, 30, of 22 Ware St. in Lowell, was arrested and charged with a warrant for possess false RMV document.

4:23 p.m. - A 911 call for a fight in the parking lot of Dimaggio Warehouse. Angel Baez, 25, of 18 Pleasant St. in Lowell, was arrested and charged with assault and

battery with dangerous weapon. Christopher Arroyo, 20, of 18 Pleasant St. in Lowell, was arrested and charged with assault and battery with dangerous weapon.

Saturday, January 19

1:15 p.m. - A woman came into the police station wanting to speak to an officer about a suspicious phone she received. Officer came into dispatch to report all set.

2:21 p.m. - A shoplifter was in custody at Market Basket North. David Aunchman, 55, of 114 Delmont Ave. in Lowell, was arrested and charged with shoplifting by asportation.

10:35 p.m. - Employee at Applebees reported an intoxicated male that won't pay his bill. Police sent. Male left prior to officer's arrival.

Sunday, January 20

6:56 p.m. - The police lost the connection with a 911 caller at Whipple Road. Police sent. Multiple callback attempt were made. The caller has called back and reported a 63-year old, female with difficulty breathing. Ambulance sent and transported to Saints.



Wilmington Police Log

Tewksbury man involved in rollover

Monday, January 14:

2:06 p.m.: A Volkswagen Jetta damaged town property on Lowell Street.

2:42 p.m.: Police summoned a driver for unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle after a collision involving a Mitsubishi Mirage, a Toyota RAV4, and a Nissan Altima at the intersection of Concord Street and Woburn Street.

Tuesday, January 15:

1:32 p.m.: A minor motor vehicle collision occurred at the intersection of Andover Street and Salem Street. A Chevrolet G20 remained on scene while the other vehicle left prior to the arrival of the police. No one was injured.

4:41 p.m.: A gray Ford Taurus reportedly struck a Boutwell Street resident's trash cans, possibly also side swiping a pole. Police found a damaged mailbox and some plastic which broke off the car's side mirror.

5:06 p.m.: A Dodge Ram and a Toyota Sienna were involved in a collision at the Veterans Affairs building on Shawsheen Avenue. All patients refused medical attention.

6:13 p.m.: A motor vehicle collision involving a Mercedes C300, a Chevrolet Malibu, and a Honda Civic occurred at the intersection of Route 125 and Ramp 41. The Mercedes was towed.

Wednesday, January 16:

9:48 a.m.: Police were requested after a collision on Reasearch Drive involving a Ford Transit and a Freightliner truck. Both were company vehicles and both companies had representatives at the scene of the incident.

1 p.m.: A UPS driver reported his truck being hit by a pest control vehicle on Middlesex Avenue. The pest control vehicle continued down Glen Road, but with a partial license plate and a description of the damage to the vehicle's side mirror,

police were able to find the other vehicle and obtain their information.

4:31 p.m.: A motor vehicle collision occurred on Main Street involving a Ford Escape and a Tesla Model 3. No one was injured and the vehicles were not visibly damaged.

Thursday, January 17:

10:23 p.m.: A police officer reported the emergency lights on his cruiser not turning off unless the vehicle was turned off. Maintenance was requested for the light controls.

Friday, January 18:

7:20 a.m.: A Jeep Compass and a Mercury Mariner were involved in a motor vehicle collision in the MBTA parking lot on Main Street. Police found no injuries and only minor damage to the vehicles.

8:53 a.m.: An employee at Beralcast on Jonspin Road found that a coworker's Toyota Scion was vandalized in the company parking lot sometime within the previous half hour.

2:24 p.m.: A motor vehicle collision involving a Toyota Highlander and an Acura TSX occurred at the intersection of Clark Street and Church Street. No one was injured in the collision.

3:24 p.m.: A medical vehicle transported Scott Nealon of 121 Mitchell G Dr. in Tewksbury to Lahey after his Chevrolet Silverado rolled over into a culvert next to Adams Street. Two back-up police cruisers were called in to block the road until

the scene was clear. The 54-year-old was arrested for operating a vehicle with a blood alcohol level over .08 percent, negligent operation of a motor vehicle, and marked lanes violation.

5:34 p.m.: A Mercury Grand Marquis struck a deer on Main Street. The driver was not injured.

11:44 p.m.: A Subaru Impreza and a Honda Civic were involved in a motor vehicle collision at the intersection of Middlesex Avenue and Clark Street. Both vehicles were towed.

Saturday, January 19:

9:25 a.m.: The owner of a Nissan Altima was taken to Lahey for an injury after a collision with a Honda Pilot at the I93 offramp on Lowell Street.

12:56 p.m.: A Toyota Camry was towed after a collision with a Ford F-150 by the Harnden Tavern on Salem Street. No injuries were reported.

4:40 p.m.: A security manager at Target on Ballardvale Street reported a woman who was caught shoplifting on the previous day's security footage.

Sunday, January 20:

9:35 a.m.: A Jeep Liberty got stuck in a snow bank and had to be pulled out of Richmond Street.

11:33 a.m.: A plastic fence on Marion Street was damaged when a snow plow pushed snow into it. The plastic buckled until snow removal arrived.

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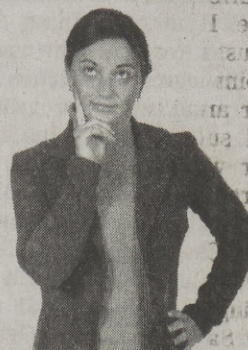
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Six students make Dean's List at Emerson College

BOSTON — The following students have been named to Emerson College's Dean's List for the Fall 2018 semester. The requirement to make the Dean's List is a grade point average of 3.7 or higher that semester.

Allison Daniliuk of Wilmington

• Robert Nicholas of Tewksbury

• Cassia Burns of Tewksbury

• John Taveras of Tewksbury

• Nicole Elia of Tewksbury

• Jessica Guida of Tewksbury

About Emerson College

Located in Boston, Massachusetts, opposite the historic Boston Common and in the heart of the city's Theatre District, Emerson College educates individuals who will solve problems and change the world through

engaged leadership in communication and the arts, a mission informed by liberal learning.

The College has 3,750 undergraduates and 750 graduate students from across the United States and 50 countries. Supported by state-of-the-art facilities and a renowned faculty, students participate in more than 80 student organizations and performance groups.

Emerson is known for its study and internship programs in Los Angeles, Washington, D.C., the Netherlands, London, China, and the Czech Republic. A new, permanent facility on Sunset Boulevard for its L.A.-based program opened in January 2014. The College has an active network of 39,000 alumni who hold leadership positions in communication and the arts.

For more information, visit www.emerson.edu.

Text to 911 now available across the Commonwealth

BOSTON — The Massachusetts State 911 Department is pleased to announce that Text to 911 is now available throughout the Commonwealth. All Massachusetts 911 call centers now have ability to receive a text message through their 911 system. The Baker-Polito Administration has supported making these system enhancements since 2015.

Text to 911 allows those in need of emergency services to use their cellular device to contact 911 when they are unable to place a voice call. "This is a significant improvement to our 911 system that will save lives," said Public Safety and Security Secretary Tom Turco. "By giving those requiring emergency services this option we are greatly expanding the ability of first responders to provide critical assistance to those in need."

To contact emergency services by text message, simply enter 911 in the "To" field of your mobile device and then type your message into the message field. It is the same process that is used for sending a regular text message from your mobile device. It is important to

make every effort to begin the text message indicating the town you are in and provide the best location information that you can.

"Having the ability to contact a 911 call center by text could help those being held against their will or victims of domestic violence unable to make a voice call," said Frank Pozniak, Executive Director of the State 911 Department.

"Text to 911 also provides direct access to 911 emergency services for the deaf, hard of hearing and speech-impaired, which is a service that these communities did not have access to until now."

It is important to note that the 911 call center may not always have your exact location when they receive your text. For this reason, when sending a Text to 911 it is important to make every effort to begin the text message indicating the town you are in and provide the best location information that you can.

The State 911 Department encourages citizens to Text to 911 only when a voice call is not possible. Remember: "Call if you can, text if you can't."

Seven students make Dean's List at Univ. of New England

BIDDEFORD AND PORTLAND, ME | TANGIER, MOROCCO — The following students have been named to the Dean's List for the 2018 fall semester at the University of New England. Dean's List students have attained a grade point average of 3.3 or better out of a possible 4.0 at the end of the semester.

Tewksbury
Ryan Manson
Anna Sessa

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Ryan Arbuckle
Olivia Cigna
Kayley Keogan
Benjamin Pastore
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Three students make Dean's List at Wentworth Institute

BOSTON — The following local students have made the Dean's List at Wentworth Institute of Technology for the fall 2018 semester.

• Richard Fantasia of Tewksbury

• Nicholas Lee Scalese of Wilmington

• Steven J Defuria of Wilmington

Wentworth Institute of Technology

Founded in 1904, Wentworth Institute of Technology is an independent, nationally ranked institution offering career-focused education through bachelor's degree programs in areas such as applied mathematics, architecture, business

management, computer science, computer networking, construction management, design, engineering, and engineering technology. The Institute also offers master's degrees in architecture, civil engineering, construction management, facility management, and technology management.

Wentworth is a leader in engineering, technology, design, and management education, and is known for its focus on career success, academic excellence, cooperative education (co-op) programs, community service, and support for the economic growth of the Greater Boston region.

For more information, visit www.wit.edu.

18 students make Dean's List at Fitchburg State

FITCHBURG — Fitchburg State University President Richard S. Lapidus has announced the students who qualified for inclusion on the Dean's List for the fall semester.

A student is placed on the Dean's List for the semester if an average grade of 3.20 or better is attained, and the student is attending the university full time.

Fitchburg State enrolls 7,000 day and evening students in more than 50 programs of study. The university was established in 1894.

Tewksbury

Nicole J. Beatrice
Alyssa B. Cappiello
Christopher J. Groves
Kaile A. Hajjar
John J. Hughes
Colleen B. Kelly
Nicole J. Kopacz
Michael D. Ladderbush
Michelle L. Lombardo
Erin L. Mader
Douglas R. Sheehan
Justin M. Stewart
Katelyn M. Vocell

Wilmington
Zachary M. Guarnaccia
Courtney A. Jensen
Katelyn E. Musto
Brendan B. O'Flaherty
Gianna N. Toro

Eight students make Dean's List at Saint Anselm College

MANCHESTER, NH — Saint Anselm College has released the Dean's List of high academic achievers for the first semester of the 2018-2019 school year. To be eligible for this honor, a student must have achieved a grade point average of 3.2 or better in the semester with at least 12 credits of study which award a letter grade. A total of 688 students representing 25 states received this honor.

Mark W. Cronin, Dean of the College, announced that the following students have been named to the Dean's List for the fall 2018 semester at Saint Anselm College, Manchester, New Hampshire.

Tewksbury

• Jordan Ezekiel, 2019, Nursing

• Victoria Mirabito, 2021, Edu Studies: Elem Educ

• Julie Ozek, 2022, Undergrad

• Isabelle Picher, 2022, Undeclared

• William Small, 2021, History

• Isabelle Picher, 2022, Undeclared

• William Small, 2021, History

Wilmington
• Katelyn Ardito, 2022, Psychology
• Vanessa D'Angelo, 2020, Criminal Justice
• Caitlin Ferreira, 2020, Nursing

About Saint Anselm College
Founded in 1889, Saint Anselm College is a four-year liberal arts college providing a 21st century education in the Catholic, Benedictine tradition.

Located in southern New Hampshire near Boston and the seacoast, Saint Anselm is well known for its strong liberal arts curriculum, the New Hampshire Institute of Politics, a highly successful nursing program, a legacy of community service and a commitment to the arts.

WEST HAVEN, CONN. — The following students were named to the Dean's List at the University of New Haven for the fall, 2018.

Tewksbury

• Andrew Wallace, Tagliatella College of Engineering, Bachelor of Science, Chemical Engineering

Wilmington
• Kristen Luise, College of Arts and Sciences, Bachelor of Science, Marine Biology
• Alexis Machado, College of Arts and Sciences, Bachelor of Science, Biology

Chaet, Rossetti make President's List at Fitchburg

FITCHBURG — Fitchburg State University President Richard S. Lapidus has announced the names of students included on the President's List for the fall semester.

The President's List honors students for consistently high academic achievement. A student is named to the list after achieving a 3.75 average in each of three successive semesters.

Tewksbury

• Alexis G. Chaet

• Megan J. Rossetti

Fitchburg State University enrolls 7,000 day and evening students in more than 50 programs of study. The university was established in 1894.

11 students make Dean's List at Stonehill College

EASTON — To qualify for the Dean's List, students must have a semester grade point average of 3.50 or better and must have completed successfully all courses for which they were registered.

Shana Butler of Wilmington, Class of 2019.

• Bethany Kane of Wilmington, Class of 2019.

• Samantha Anderson of Tewksbury, Class of 2019.

• Cassidy Cohan of Tewksbury, Class of 2019.

• Brendan Cooke of Tewksbury, Class of 2019.

• Kyle Paquette of Tewksbury, Class of 2019.

• Claudia Curro of Tewksbury, Class of 2020.

• Victoria Burch of Tewksbury, Class of 2021.

• Irene Houde of Tewksbury, Class of 2021.

• Alex Joseph of Tewksbury, Class of 2021.

• Kayla Giaimo of Tewksbury, Class of 2022.

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Upcoming Chamber of Commerce Events:

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony & After-Hours Networking

Date: Thursday, February 7
Time: 5:30 pm Ribbon Cutting @ Fully Promoted
Followed by Celebration & Networking
@ Luna Rossa Ristorante
Place: 1699 Shawshen St., Tewksbury
Cost: Free for Members, \$10 Guests

Women In Business

Multi-Chamber Networking
Date: Wednesday, February 13
Time: 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm
Place: The Arbors, Stoneham
Cost: \$10 Members, \$20 Guests

Lunch With The Chamber - Chamber 101

Date: Thursday, February 14
Time: Noon - 1:30 pm
Place: Chamber Office, Wilmington
Come learn how to maximize your membership benefits.

St. Patty's Day MUSIC BINGO Bash

Date: Friday, March 8
Time: 7:00 pm - 11:00 pm
Place: Aleppo Shriner's Fez Room, Wilmington
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Call 978-657-7211 for tickets.

Please contact the Chamber for additional event details.

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LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
LAND COURT
DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURTCOMPLAINT TO
FORECLOSE
TAX LIEN

No. 18TL000034

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, and to Walter A. Perreault, deceased, formerly of Malta, in the State of New York; and Frank Perreault, deceased, formerly of Malta, in the State of New York; and Jaime Perreault, Logan A. Perreault, also known as Logan Abel Perreault,

and Abigail L. Perreault, also known as Abigail Lynn Perreault, all now or formerly of Schenectady, in the State of New York; and Nicole Hoyt of Stillwater, in the State of New York; and Robert Perreault of Mechanicville, in the State of New York; or their heirs, devisees, legal representatives, successors and assigns:

Whereas, a complaint has been presented to said Court by the Town of Wilmington, in the County of Middlesex and said Commonwealth; to foreclose all rights of redemption from the tax lien proceeding described in said complaint in and concerning a certain parcel of land situate in the said Wilmington, in the County of Middlesex, and in said Commonwealth, bounded and described in said complaint as follows:

Land in said Wilmington on Elwood Road, shown as Parcel 87 on Assessors' Map 8, described in Mx.No.Dist.Deeds, Book 1996, P. 731 and Middlesex Prob. 484782.

If you desire to make any objection or defense to said complaint you or your attorney must file a written appearance and an answer, under oath, setting forth clearly and specifically your objections or defense to each part of said complaint, in the office of the Recorder of said Court in Boston (at the Court-house located on Three Pemberton Square, Room 507 in Boston, MA 02108), on or before the eleventh day of March in the year two thousand and nineteen.

Unless an appearance is so filed by or for you, your default will be recorded, the said complaint will be

taken as confessed and you will be forever barred from contesting said complaint or any judgment entered thereon.

And in addition to the usual service of this notice as required by law, it is ordered that the foregoing citation be published in the Town Crier a newspaper published in said Wilmington.

Witness, GORDON H. PIPER, Esquire, Chief Justice of said Court, this eighteenth day of January in the year two thousand and nineteen.

Attest with Seal of said Court.
Deborah J. Patterson
Recorder

Plaintiff's Attorney:
James E. Coppola, Esq.,
Coppola & Coppola,
40 South Street,
Marblehead, MA 01945
Tel: (781) 639-0140
190077 1/23/19

Congratulations and a prosperous New Year to Strive 24 Hour Fitness

Wilmington/Tewksbury Chamber of Commerce Directors and state/town officials kicked off the new year celebrating health & fitness at the grand re-opening and ribbon cutting ceremony at Strive 24 Hour Fitness located at 3C Lopez Road in Wilmington. Under new management, the private, full-service club with 24/7/365 access is now proudly owned and operated by Matt Moisan (holding scissors).

(Courtesy photo)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF
MORTGAGEE'S
SALE OF
REAL ESTATE

By virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Michelle L. Magliozzi to First Franklin Financial Corporation, dated December 23, 2004 and recorded in the Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 16249, Page 156, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, by assignment from:

First Franklin Financial Corporation to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company on behalf of Certificate holders FFMLT Trust 2005-FF2 Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2005-FF2, recorded on January 7, 2010, in Book No. 23668, at Page 242

for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 5:00 PM on February 18, 2019, on the mortgaged premises located at 20 ARLENE AVE, WILMINGTON (Wilmington), Middlesex County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

TO WIT:

File No.: 103861

Borrower: Magliozzi, Michelle
Locus: 20 Arlene Avenue, Wilmington Massachusetts

EXHIBIT A

A certain parcel of land, with the buildings thereon, situated in Wilmington, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, and being shown as Lot #225 on a plan entitled "Definitive Subdivision Plan of Elmwood Village, Wilmington, Massachusetts, Subdivider: Jackson Bros. Inc., Scale: 1 inch = 100 feet, dated October 24, 1972; K. J. Miller Co., Inc. Civil Engineers & Land Surveyors," recorded with the Middlesex North Registry of Deeds as Plan Book #116, Plan #88, and being further bounded and described as follows:

NORTHEASTERLY AND EASTERLY: by Arlene Avenue, by a curved line in two (2) measurements, two hundred nineteen and 91/100 (219.91) feet and 76/100 (12.76) feet; respectively;

SOUTHERLY: by Lot #224, as shown on said plan, one launched fifty-eight and 66/100 (158.66) feet,

SOUTHWESTERLY: still by Lot #224, as shown on said plan, twenty-six (26) feet; and

NORTHWESTERLY: by Lot #226, as shown on said Plan, TWO hundred fifteen and 35/100 (215.35) feet to point of beginning.

Said Lot #225 continuing 24, 771 square feet of land, according to said plan. Said premises are conveyed subject to and with the benefits of easements covenants and restrictions of record, insofar as the same are in force and applicable.

For my title see deed recorded at Book 16437, Page 184.

For mortgagor's(s) title see deed recorded with Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 16437, Page 184.

These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 5108, Page 317.

TERMS OF SALE: Said premises will be sold and conveyed subject to all liens, encumbrances, unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens and assessments, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described.

Said auction is subject to a mortgage from Thomas P. Walsh and Marlene T. Walsh to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Merrimack Mortgage Company, Inc., dated November 18, 2003 and recorded with the Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 16569, Page 63; which mortgage has been assigned from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. to Chase Home Finance, LLC by assignment dated December 30, 2009 and recorded in said Registry of Deeds in Book 23681, Page 32; further assigned from JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.,

TERMS OF SALE:

A deposit of Twenty Thousand (\$20,000.00) Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California St., Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR FFMLT TRUST 2005-FF2, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-FF2

Present holder of said mortgage

By its Attorneys,
HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C.,
150 California St.,
Newton, MA 02458
(617) 558-0500
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s/b/m Chase Home Finance LLC, s/b/m to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation to Vericrest Financial, Inc., by assignment dated May 16, 2013 and recorded in said Registry of Deeds in Book 27615, Page 55.

FIVE THOUSAND (\$5,000.00) Dollars of the purchase price must be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check at the time and place of the sale by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check within thirty (30) days after the date of sale.

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

Brock & Scott, PLLC
1080 Main Street,
Suite 200
Pawtucket, RI 02860
Attorney for Citizens Bank, N.A. f/k/a RBS Citizens, N.A. s/b/m Citizens Bank of Massachusetts
Present Holder of the Mortgage
401-217-8701
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Public Notices

Every day throughout the United States newspapers publish thousands of public notices about events, conditions or actions that affect countless individuals, families, neighborhoods and businesses. Public notices cover many topics including guardianships, conservatorships and protective orders, probating wills, business matters, liquor licensing, public auctions and sales, estates, zoning, public meetings, bids to sell goods and services to the government, auctions to dispose of surplus government equipment, local government finances and state and local elections. The public notice is a fundamental component of our system of representative democracy, which depends upon the participation of educated, responsible citizens.

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF
TEWKSBURY
PLANNING BOARD
PUBLIC HEARING
SPECIAL PERMIT
FAMILY SUITE

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Planning Board will hold a public hearing on February 4, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. in the Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by Matt Marfione for a Family Suite Special Permit under Section 3400 of the Tewksbury Zoning Bylaw for a family suite not to exceed 1,000 square feet as shown on plans filed with this Board.

Said property is located at 71 Term Terrace, Assessor's Map 57, Lot 108, zoned Residential.

The application may be examined in the Community Development Department, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA (978-640-4370 x248), Monday thru Friday 7:30 am - 4:30 pm. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org.

Stephen Johnson,
Chairman
190034 1/16,23/19

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF
TEWKSBURY
BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on January 31, 2019 at 6:30 P.M. in the Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by Gary Gottschalk for a variance from Section 4130, Appendix B and a special permit under Section 3630 of the Tewksbury Zoning Bylaw to raze the existing residential structure and construct a new residential structure as shown on plans filed with this Board. Said property is located at 57 Lake Street, Assessor's Map 93, Lot 83 zoned Residential.

The application may be examined in the Community Development Department, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA (978-640-4370 x248), Monday thru Friday 7:30 am - 4:30 pm. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org.

Robert Dugan,
Chairman
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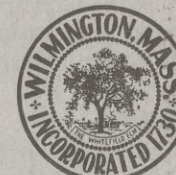
TOWN OF
WILMINGTON
BOARD OF APPEALSNOTICE OF
PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held at the Town Hall, 121 Glen Road on Wednesday, February 13, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. on the following applications:

Case 3-19
MT Pokkets
Realty Trust
Map 45 Parcel 137

To acquire a Special Permit in accordance with §6.6.7.7 Ground Water Protection District for property located on 911-917 Main Street.
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LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF
WILMINGTON
BOARD OF
SELECTMENTOWN MEETING
WARRANT ARTICLES

Notice is hereby given that Articles submitted by petition for inclusion in the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting to be held May 4, 2019, must be submitted to the Town Clerk's Office: Wilmington Town Hall, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, no later than 4:30 p.m. on February 1, 2019.

Kevin A. Ciara,
Chairman
Board of Selectmen
190021 1/9,16,23/19

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF
TEWKSBURY
COMMUNITY
PRESERVATION
COMMITTEEPUBLIC
INFORMATIONAL
HEARING

In accordance with MGL Chapter 44B, Section 5(b)1, the Tewksbury Community Preservation Committee will conduct a Public Informational Hearing on Thursday, February 7, 2019 at 7:00 pm in the Hearing Room at the Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA. For additional information please contact the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370.

John Deputat, Chair
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LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF
MASSACHUSETTSTHE TRIAL COURT
MIDDLESEX PROBATE
AND FAMILY COURT
208 Cambridge Street
Cambridge, MA 02141
(617) 768-5800CITATION ON PETITION
TO CHANGE NAME

Docket No.
M19C0034CA

In the matter of:
Christine Lauren Lubawski

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Christine Lauren Lubawski of Tewksbury MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: Christine Lauren Favazza

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Middlesex Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 02/12/2019. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

WITNESS, Hon. Edward F. Donnelly, Jr., First Justice of this Court.

Date: January 10, 2019
Tara E. DeCristofaro,
Register of Probate
190075 1/23/19

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF
MORTGAGEE'S
SALE OF
REAL ESTATE

Premises:
22 Brentwood Street,
Wilmington, MA

By virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Thomas P. Walsh and Marlene T. Walsh to Citizens Bank of Massachusetts, and now held by Citizens Bank, N.A. f/k/a RBS Citizens, N.A. s/b/m Citizens Bank of Massachusetts, said mortgage dated March 12, 2004 and recorded in the Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 17085, Page 178, for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction on February 6, 2019 at 11:00AM Local Time upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

The land with the buildings thereon situated in

Wilmington, Middlesex County, Commonwealth of Massachusetts known and being numbered: 22 Brentwood Street

The premises are conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, easements, appurtenances, reservations, and layouts and takings of record, insofar as they are in force and applicable.

Meaning and intending to mortgage the same premises by deed of Stanley J. Fielding to Thomas P. Walsh and Marlene T. Walsh, dated 12/27/1989 and filed with the Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds at Record Book 5108, Page 317; wherein a more detailed description of the premises is set forth.

The description of the property contained in the mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

For Mortgagor's Title see deed dated December 27, 1989 and recorded in the Middlesex

DPW able to tackle storm thanks to drivers staying off the road

STORM FROM PAGE 1

collection set back a day.

"Above all that, this storm received a lot of hype from news outlets," Magaldi shared. "A lot of people heeded the warnings to stay home and watch the football game. When our guys have room to do what they need to do, that makes it exponentially easier."

He appreciated residents who stayed home this weekend and DPW employees who have been working relentlessly to clear the streets and sidewalks.

"I'm very pleased with the outcome."

With warmer weather coming in midweek, he expects re-scrapping to be necessary possibly through the end of the week.

Newhouse hopes to advocate for special education on committee

NEWHOUSE FROM PAGE 1

Newhouse comes to the School Committee with a finance degree from Bentley University.

"Then I was in the accounting world until I had children," she continued.

12 years ago, she had her first child and has only worked part time as an accountant. However, she's kept busy through advocating for special education and the Special Education PAC.

By working with the SE PAC, Newhouse has seen how she could be advocating for all kids and not just those in special education.

"I've been able to use my advocacy skills [to help] children outside of the district... have brought those to the SE PAC and now hopefully to the School Committee."

Her experience has already proved useful in her first six months on the committee and she only sees more ways that she can be effective.

So far, she has thoroughly enjoyed her time being able to support Wilmington staff,

students, and superintendent. She shared that she likes seeing all of the different steps and how the School Committee can fix the systematic issues that arise. One of the issues that particularly interests Newhouse is the way that special education is broken apart.

Going forward, she'd like to continue supporting the school system through the curriculum review and mapping process which both need to be completed.

"The superintendent gave us his entry plan presentation... being able to move all those action items forward is going to help our district become better than it already is."

Furthermore, she wants to see the strategic plan completed by the end of the school year for where the district needs to go in the future. Newhouse wants to continue serving on the Wilmington School Committee so that she can keep advocating and enriching student's lives in Wilmington and in the district as a whole.



Governor Baker visits Shawsheen Tech

Governor Charlie Baker stopped by Shawsheen Technical High School in Billerica recently. Principal Jessica Cook said, "Shawsheen students were psyched to serve (Governor Baker) so I had to post this photo of him (mid-chew) enjoying the Grilled PB&J they made him! Our students rocked today (as always) & I appreciate the time Governor Baker took to connect with them."

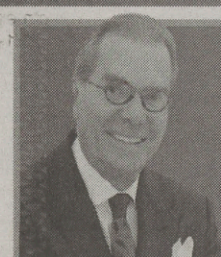
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▲ Wilmington resident MJ Byrnes makes her case against the proposed detox site.

Detox facility permit denied by Appeals Board due to issues with structure, zoning

DETOX FROM PAGE 1

facility but within the area immediately surrounding it.

"The concern, really, was people being able to leave on their own and going wherever they may want," Santini said.

Begonis reported on his conversations with police chiefs from the area who have detox centers in their districts. He said generally the relationship between the chiefs and the facilities was good, but that good relationship hinged upon communication.

"They (police chiefs) had varying issues with it, so as they went through the process, what I found was mostly if there was an open dialogue with the police chief or the police department and the organization," Begonis said.

"All of them had security plans, not many of them had direct security input from the police department," he added.

Begonis also had several requests for Bettering, LLC. These included security cameras at entrance and exit points, which the organization's attorney Mark Bob-

rowski was amenable to, and a limit of admissions to business hours, which led to some concern from the petitioner regarding the ability to admit hospital patients from an ambulance transfer at night.

The Board of Appeals also raised concerns that the facility would have the ability to add to the plan as presented, and debated adding future construction limitations to the petition. Siracusa also raised concerns about the size even in the existing petition, and requested that the building be one-story to preserve the harmony of the neighborhood.

State Representative Dave Robertson was one of the stakeholders who asked the board to deny the proposal. Robertson suggested that such a facility could be located elsewhere in town. He spoke to security issues related to Tewksbury Hospital, and suggested implementation of performance review for the facility in any conditional contract with such a facility.

"We have a solution to place it elsewhere in the town, that provides the serv-

ices needed, preserves the character of the community, and it's a win-win. It helps the spirit of everybody," Robertson said.

Resident Mary Giroux spoke out in favor of the facility, despite some noises of discontent from the crowd. Giroux, who lost her son to addiction in 2013, said that she was very familiar with detox facility operation.

"The applicant, in my opinion, has tried very hard to give the board and this town everything that they asked for," Giroux said.

She noted that the proposal had passed the Planning Board, and urged the Board of Appeals to consider it in a more strictly legal sense.

"You're faced with what's in front of you, what the law is, what the zoning bylaws ask you to do, and that's all I'm asking you to do as well," Giroux added.

Following the vote of denial, the board will submit documentation of the vote and reasons for denial. According to Bobrowski, Bettering LLC will likely take the issue to court, pending the result of its request for reasonable accommodation.



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Newly elected State Representative David Robertson addresses the board.

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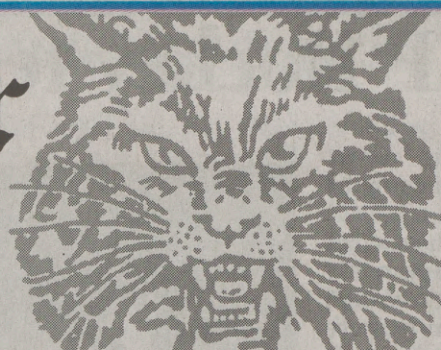
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Boys Hockey team has big aspirations this season

Eight Wilmington residents help AP to a strong start

By DAN ZIMMERMAN
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READING -- Although there are several variations of the statement, there is a common theme voiced by the players who make up the Austin Preparatory boys hockey team.

When asked to comment on what he'd like to see the Cougars accomplish as the second half of the regular season gets underway, Ryan Ackerly, of Wilmington, summed it up concisely.

"As a team, I'd like to see us go to the Super-8 Tournament," said the freshman forward. "And win."

With nine to play, Austin Prep sports an impressive 9-1-2 overall record. The only blemish is a defeat suffered



The 2018-19 Austin Prep Boys Varsity Hockey team is off to a strong 9-1-2 overall record and nine local players, including eight from Wilmington and one from Tewksbury, are a part of the success including from left: Robbie Farrell, Nolan Ricci, Christopher Roy (of Tewksbury), Deniro DeMarco, Jack Farrell, Will Lawson, Ryan Ackerly, Aiden Elkins, Andrew MacDonald and head coach Bill Pappas. (photo by Bob DeChiara)

at the hands of Pope Francis this past Saturday.

Not only have the Cougars won all but one of their games, they've done so in

impressive fashion, outscoring opponents 46-13 and defeating a number of high school hockey heavyweights including Central Catholic,

Arlington Catholic, and perennial Super-8 qualifier, Hingham.

The Cougars roster is comprised of nine local players

including Wilmington residents, senior goalie Robbie Farrell, junior back-up goalie Andrew MacDonald, junior forward Nolan Ricci,

junior defenseman Will Lawson, sophomore defenseman Deniro DeMarco, freshman forward Ryan Ackerly,

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13 players ejected during Wilmington-Winchester Game

Sachems win the ugly contest, 4-0

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WILMINGTON -- What was supposed to be a tough challenge for Wilmington to eek out a win against an out-standing Middlesex League Liberty Division Winchester team before the home crowd on Saturday afternoon, turned out to be an ugly display of sportsmanship as the two hockey teams combined for 45 penalties, 13 ejections, including 11 players being tossed at once during a scrum/fight with 3:40 left in the second period.

Winchester ended up winning the game 4-0, which now makes Wilmington's climb to possible state tournament play a little more steep. However, when the game was finally over, those thoughts were on the back-burner.

"I thought it was an embarrassing performance for both teams, for individual players and for high school hockey in general," said a disgusted WHS head coach Steve Scanlon. "I haven't seen something like that in twenty years."

Just 1:46 into the game, Wilmington was called for the first of two five-minute major penalties. On the first one, the Winchester player received a concussion and didn't come back to the game, while, the Wilmington player was given the gate and will receive a two-game suspension.

"We knew the type of caliber team they were and



With 3:40 left in the second period of Saturday's Wilmington-Winchester Boys Varsity Hockey game played at the Ristuccia Arena, 11 players were ejected after the teams participated in a scrum/fight. A total of 45 penalties were called and 13 total players were ejected throughout the game. (photo by Bob DeChiara)

right on the first shift of the game it starts," said Scanlon, referring to Winchester coming into the game with an 8-2 overall record and knowing Wilmington had to play its best game of the season to beat them. "That hit got them all (riled up). (Immediately) we are down (a player). The game just went south right from that first shift of the game. (Winchester) gets a goal (on the power play) and immediately you're pulling one out of your net."

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With 6:56 left in the period, the Sachems scored to make it 4-0 as Colin Van Stry put one home on a breakaway.

Two minutes later Wilmington went on the power play and couldn't get anything going. Then about six seconds after that power play ended, the 'Cats would

have been going on another power play when Winchester was called for a penalty against the boards in front of the crowd. That's when the scrum/fight occurred with all ten skaters, as well as the Winchester goalie who left his crease and got involved.

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There's no place in the game for this behavior

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WILMINGTON -- Over the last 25-plus years, the Wilmington High School boys' hockey team has been one of the top, elite programs in the state.

Aside from the wins, many league titles and their two state championship titles, the Wildcats have had the reputation of being a hard-nosed team, that has a roster filled of relentless workers year-after-year.

Off the ice, the program has done so many wonderful things over the years, including raising money for so many different charities and organizations as well as doing so many great things for people and families in need.

While the Wilmington program built up a strong tradition of being an elite program over the last 25-years, certainly one of their Middlesex League foes Winchester had done the same thing.

On Saturday though, the excellent reputations of both teams took a major hit, literally and figuratively.

Wilmington hosted Winchester and instead of a 45-minute battle of teams players trying to beat each other to the puck, it turned out to be a scrum/fight between both teams with

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Girls Hockey team gets revenge with big victory over Bishop Fenwick

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WILMINGTON -- Back on December 16th, the Wilmington High School

girls' hockey team was defeated by Bishop Fenwick, 4-1.

On Monday afternoon, just over a month later from that first meeting, the two teams

met up again for the second round non-league match-up. This time the Wildcats (4-7-3) played terrific from start to finish to come away with a 2-1 thrilling victory over the Crusaders (8-4-0).

"Most days I'm very proud of the girls' effort and this day was no exception; moreover I was glad to see the girls rewarded for a strong effort for forty-five minutes and really for working so hard up to this point this season," said head coach John LaPiana.

The coach added that he knew right away that his players were ready and focused for this battle.

"The girls played a spirited game right from the first puck drop which helped to dictate the pace," he said.

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Wilmington Booster Association to hold fundraising dance this Saturday

The Wilmington Booster Association will be hosting its annual fundraising dance, featuring the live band, 'Wild Fire' to be held on Saturday, January 26th, starting at 7 pm at the Tewksbury-Wilmington Lodge of Elks 2070, located at 777 South Street in Tewksbury.

Tickets are \$25 per person. Guests are encouraged to bring snacks to their table. Tickets are available from any WHS Booster Member,

or by contacting Dedi Pitzit wilmsingtonboosters@gmail.com, or by phone at 978-430-3375.

CHEERLEADING MEET

The Wilmington High School winter cheerleading team announced it will be hosting the 'Wildcat Invitational - Middlesex League Qualifier' on Saturday, February 23rd, 1 pm, at WHS.

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Eight local players help AP Hockey team to a strong start

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Freshman defenseman Aiden Elkins and eighth grade defenseman Jack Farrell.

Junior forward Christopher Roy is the lone Tewksbury representative.

Prior to a recent practice at the Breakaway Ice Center in Tewksbury, a number of those players were asked to express their views on the reasons behind the success of the AP team so far this season, as well as share thoughts on their individual contributions to the program.

Elkins pointed out the Hingham matchup in late-December as one of the more noteworthy wins of the campaign. After blanking St. Mary's Lynn in the preliminary round of the Serino Christmas Classic, 2-0, the Cougars returned to the Malden Valley Forum the next day and stunned South Shore powerhouse Hingham, 4-0, to win the tournament.

"We did everything right in

that game," said Elkins. "Hingham is a great team but we consistently kept our feet moving, killed off penalties, and put a few pucks in the net."

Elkins, who participated in Wilmington Youth Hockey before moving on to the Islanders Hockey Club and the Top Gun Hockey Club prior to reaching the AP varsity ranks, agrees that the Cougars are playing very well but admits there is always room for improvement.

"This is a great program at Austin Prep and we all buy into it," he said. "We work hard every day in practice and even harder in games. Personally, I hope I can contribute more to the team, with fewer penalty minutes and more points."

"Elkins is a big kid and when you have size and strength like that, you definitely have a leg up," said Austin Prep second-year Coach Bill Pappas. "We have

high hopes for him down the road."

Pappas also has hopes that his team, which is currently ranked No. 2 by Mass High School Hockey, can improve on last year's playoff results which featured a one-and-done in the play-in round of the Super-8 tournament followed by another quick exit in the North Division 1 Quarterfinals.

"What happened in the post-season is just more proof that there are no 'gimmies' in this world today," he said. "There were certainly no 'gimmies' after winning our league last year. We mention this in many of our pre-game conversations. It's always good to remind them."

Currently tied for fourth in scoring with the Cougars is Nolan Ricci, with 5 goals and 4 assists. Like his teammates, Ricci would like to have another crack at the Super-8 but he also has his sights set on a team that represents a huge challenge in the weeks ahead.

"We're scheduled to face Pope Francis twice and they're one of the top-5 teams in the state," said the junior forward who came up through the ranks via Wilmington Youth Hockey, followed by a number of years spent in junior hockey with the Shamrocks and the Rangers. "Hopefully, we can take at least one of the two games with them."

Little did Ricci know that less than twenty-four hours after he made that comment for this article, he and his team would make the long bus trip to West Springfield and suffer a 4-0 loss to Pope Francis.

Ricci and his teammates will have a chance to return the favor when Pope Francis visits for a rematch in mid-February.

Coach Pappas describes Ricci as a little man with the Midas touch.

"It's like flipping a light switch with Nolan," he said. "He's that guy who just floats around and all of a sudden, he's in your face. We like how he plays this game. He gets in there, finds the soft spot, and scores goals."

When they're not skating on a 0.115 of an inch width steel blade, many of the hockey players partake in other sports. Several dabble in golf and goaltender Robbie Farrell (see Farrell feature) is a varsity lacrosse player. But Chris Roy, of Tewksbury, can claim success in a sport that, unlike golf and lacrosse, doesn't parallel ice hockey.

"I was part of the varsity baseball team that won the



Wilmington resident Nolan Ricci, a junior forward, is fourth on the team in scoring. Here he skates ahead with the puck during Monday night's 2-2 tie with St. John's of Shrewsbury held at the Stoneham Arena. (photo by Bob DeChiara).



Above Deniro DeMarco and below Aiden Elkins in action for the Austin Prep Boys' Hockey team during Monday's game with St. John's. (photos by Bob DeChiara).



Above Ryan Ackerley and below Jack Farrell in action for the Austin Prep Varsity Hockey team during the team's 2-2 tie with St. John's on Monday night at the Stoneham Arena. (photos by Bob DeChiara).



Senior goalie for Austin Prep boys' hockey team

Farrell's patience is certainly paying dividends for Cougars

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READING -- There are times when backup ice hockey goalies have a thankless job, lugging nearly fifty pounds of assorted protective equipment from one cold rink to another only to "ride the pine," which is the term used for a player who sees little action.

Wilmington's Robbie Farrell "road the pine" as a sophomore, patiently waiting for an opportunity to play while his predecessor, Dylan Regan, led the Austin Preparatory Cougars to great success during his tenure between the pipes.

When Regan moved on to Vermont Academy prior to last season, Farrell got his chance and proved very quickly, that it was worth the wait. He also demonstrated, almost immediately, to his teammates and the AP coaching staff that they had the right man for the job.

"Robbie sat for two seasons and got his start last year as a junior," said Austin Prep second-year Coach Bill Pappas, who was the assistant to longtime Coach Louis Finocchiaro for six years before taking over the pro-



Wilmington resident Robbie Farrell (middle) was awarded the MVP of the Serino Christmas Classic Tournament last month, and he is joined with fellow Austin Prep team captains, Evan Rago (left) of Saugus and Max Pineo (right) of North Reading. (courtesy photo/AP Twitter).

gram. "He has really come on strong. Without him, we'd be nothing."

"Dylan Regan was a great

goalie and I picked up a lot of experience as his backup while a sophomore," said Farrell, when reached for

comment just prior to a team practice at Tewksbury's Breakaway Ice Center. "He taught me how

to communicate and keep my eye on the puck at all times."

When asked, Senior Captain Farrell explained that communication between the players on the ice is essential, particularly between the goaltender and the defensemen in front of him. When communication breaks down, the opposition will likely capitalize with added scoring opportunities.

"I think our communication is huge this year," said Farrell. "It's far better than in recent years. The defense has done an amazing job in front of me. They're letting me see the puck and they let me know where players are along the boards so I can quickly move the puck out, if needed."

In November of 2017, Farrell was part of the State Championship Wilmington Midget 1A squad. Farrell joined goaltenders Ryan St. Jean and Steve Bowker in allowing only six total goals in an unbeaten five-game series and claim the first such title in Wilmington hockey history. At the time, Farrell was described as "the most agile and athletic goalie around."

As a junior, Farrell helped Austin Prep finish the sea-

son at 13-8-1 and reach what is often described as Massachusetts hockey's version of the Stanley Cup, the MIAA Super Eight Tournament. But unfortunately, the Cougar's visit to the post-season was abbreviated.

"Last year, we played pretty well but lost a couple of games that we needed to win and that really hurt us in qualifying for the Super Eight," recalled Farrell, who is also a member of the AP varsity lacrosse team. "We ended up as the ninth seed and unfortunately, lost the play-in game."

Following the early exit from the Super Eight, Austin Prep moved down to the MIAA North Division 1 tournament, entering as the 6th-seed. But after a first round bye, the Cougars were eliminated from further playoff contention by a 3rd-seed Newburyport club, 3-1.

This year, Farrell is excelling at his craft and thus far, has led the Cougars to a 9-1-1 mark. He humbly gives thanks to his teammates for the success but his coach gives credit where credit is due.

"Robbie has worked very

FARRELL PG SP4W

Wrestling team can't pin down a victory in 'Friday Night Fights' annual event

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The Wilmington High Wrestling team was unable to pick up a win this past Friday night when they traveled to Wakefield High School to take on Wakefield and Pentucket Regional High School, in the latest edition of "Friday Night Fights."

Despite the two losses, the Wildcats did have certain individuals wrestle very well while dropping a 45-19 decision to Wakefield and then a 35-30 heartbreaker to

Pentucket.

It was the second year in a row the Wildcats have competed in "Friday Night Fights" at Wakefield, and head coach Joel McKenna thought his team put in a solid effort against a pair of quality opponents.

"Wakefield is very deep this year. In my opinion they are one of the better teams in Division 3 this year," McKenna said. "They have kids to fill every weight class, and they are all very talented, but we were able to come away with some victories. We had some guys do a

really great job, but some were a little disappointed with their performance."

Junior Jacob Bernard won a 9-3 decision at 113 pounds against Wakefield, while sophomore Shane Penney (120) and senior Nick Kullman (195) each won by pin, and heavyweight Ryan Murphy earned a 7-1 decision.

The foursome of Bernard, Penney, Kullman and Murphy each went 2-0 on the day.

While Pentucket might not be in quite the same class as Wakefield this season,

McKenna knows that they have a very good team, and he was impressed with how his team battled against the Sachems.

"Pentucket is a really talented team" McKenna said. "It was our second match of the day and I think we came out a little more prepared for this one. It took us a little while to get into a rhythm, but it was good to see us rise to that level of competition. We performed well and we finished a lot better than we had started."

In addition to Bernard, Penney, Kullman and Murphy, Joe Ganley (132), Alex Stearns (145) and Stephen Smolinsky each picked up wins for the

Wildcats.

About the only thing that kept the Wildcats from picking up a win over Pentucket was the fact that they were unrepresented in five weight classes, making the final score of 35-30 both impressive and frustrating for McKenna and his team.

"It was a little frustrating, but more than that, I was just glad to see so many kids wrestle so well," McKenna said.

The Wildcats hosted Tyngsboro High School on Wednesday night of this week, with the results not available as of press time, and they will be back in action on Friday night when they travel to Cohasset High

School for the second time this season.

Earlier this season they had competed in the Cohasset Invitational, and this time they will be take on Cohasset, Belmont, Cambridge and Pembroke in a super quad.

"We will be facing more quality opposition once again from the south," McKenna said. "We will see what's going on down there. It is a perfect setup for us with the post season, approaching. Cohasset is an excellent team, and Belmont is a tough Middlesex League opponent, so it will be a great test for us."



Wilmington High freshman Adam Lopez tries to get out of a possible pin during last Wednesday's Varsity Wrestling home dual meet against Arlington.

(photo by Jim Vaiknoras).

The Wilmington Girls 12U Hockey team dominates Stoneham, 8-0

Early Monday morning the Wilmington Girls Under 12 youth hockey team faced off against Stoneham in Everett in a semifinal play down game to determine who will play Melrose this Saturday with the winner qualifying to play in the Tier 3 State Championship in March.

While both Wilmington and Stoneham took the ice it was the Wilmington Ladycats who came out firing on all cylinders.

Wilmington applied constant pressure on the Stoneham netminder who came up with some quality saves to stymie the Ladycats for a few minutes. The game remained scoreless for four minutes until Vivien Savoie found the back of the net on a nice feed from Julia Lambert.

The Stoneham goalie shut down the potent Wilmington attack for the next five minutes until Wilmington's top scorer all season Antonia DiZoglio finished off a brilliant pass from Savoie.

The floodgates were about to open as Gianna Young rifled a shot from the blue

line that found the back of the net. Lambert assisted again.

Nine seconds later Cara Kuczek took a pin point pass from Lambert and put it past the netminder. Twenty seconds later Casey Kelley on a heads up play at the blue line walked the puck in towards the net and picked a corner to put the Cats ahead 5-0.

The second period would feature a passing clinic by the 'Cats which would result in a beautiful cross ice pass from Lily MacKenzie to a perfectly positioned Riley Rourke and Rourke one timed it into the right side of the net.

The passing clinic would continue throughout the third period which resulted in two Wilmington goals. Samantha Crowley wristed a shot into the back of the net after taking a tape to tape pass from DiZoglio. Savoie would end off a three point game for herself with a late goal which produced the final score of 8-0.

While Maddie Sainato had a quiet game as the Ladycat

netminder she has been heavily counted on all season and will play a pivotal role in the chase for a State and League Championship.

Not to leave out who we affectionately call "sinners" in the hockey world, Crowley, Kelley and Ashley Mercier each served out a one minute and thirty second sentence, also known as a penalty, for a variety of infractions.

The 'Cats next faceoff against Melrose this Saturday, January 26, in Everett.

The Wilmington Ladycats are Julianna Anguoni, Samantha Crowley, Antonia DiZoglio, Alexis Fox, Giovanna Gulinello, Casey Kelley, Cara Kuczek, Julia Lambert, Alexandra Lavigne, Lily MacKenzie, Ashley Mercier, Riley Rourke, Maddie Sainato, Sarah Sampson, Macy Savage, Vivien Savoie, Kaylie Sullivan and Gianna Young.

Coaching the Wilmington 'Cats are Mike Mercier, Guy Anguoni, Dave Crowley and Matt Savage.



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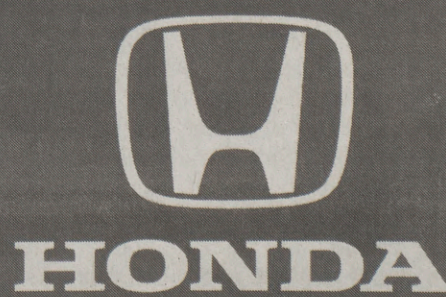
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Girls track down an eighth place finish at D4 State Relay Meet

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ROXBURY - The Wilmington High School girls' track-and-field team had a very strong showing at Saturday's Division 4 Eastern Mass Relay Meet held at the Reggie Lewis Center.

The Wildcats finished eighth out of 25 teams with North Reading, Pentucket Regional, Newburyport, Old Rochester and NDA of Hingham and Holliston rounding out the top six teams.

"Relays are a fun meet but at the same time it's one we can use to be aggressive in our events," said head coach Brian Schell. "I told the team that it would be championship caliber environment and there shouldn't be any holding back."

"Coming into it, we knew that we would get to see a lot of the teams in our division and this would be our first taste of the (post-season meets). Knowing a lot of strong teams like North Reading and Pentucket would be there, this was a meet that the coaching staff could challenge everyone and double them up (in multiple events)."

Wilmington placed in three events, and just missed out placing in a fourth. The high jump trio of Hannah LaVita, Juliana Patrone and Evelyn Miller-Nuzzo had the best showing as they ended up in a tie for second place with a combined mark of 14-05.00. LaVita led by clearing 5-foot-1, and the other two both cleared 4-foot-8, which was a personal best for Miller-Nuzzo.

"The high jump team continues to excel and it was great to see Evy get that next height having cleared 4-6 multiple times," said

Schell. "Juliana just missed 4-11 but was good experience and practice just like at Dartmouth Relays. Hannah clearing 5-1 continues to show her consistency and is always a great thing to have."

The 4x400 relay team finished fifth with a state qualifying time of 4:20.28. The foursome included Amanda Broussard, Miller-Nuzzo, Maggie Bourgeois and Emma Garrity. Both Broussard and Miller-Nuzzo had splits of 66 seconds, Bourgeois ran at 65 and Garrity, the anchor leg, finished at a blazing 61 seconds.

"The 4x400 is always an intense race at the end of the meet and this group looked strong," said Schell. "One of the biggest things entering our time was to be in the same heat with Melrose. Amanda's lead off keeping us neck-and-neck with them. Evy went out tough and like she needed too and kept us close for Maggie. I have stressed to her constantly to go out hard and she did. She ran her best split and didn't lose any ground against Melrose's best 600-meter runner."

"This gave Emma short striking distance to pass them right at the exchange and she ran a solid anchor leg to close a 50-meter lead from Medfield."

Broussard, Bourgeois and Garrity then joined Ashlyn Buckley to finish fifth in the sprint medley race with a combined time of 4:25.76, which Schell said could possibly be a school record but had to research it a bit more. Either way, Garrity ran the 800 at 2:22, Buckley and Bourgeois ran the 200 at 28 and 29 seconds, respectively, and Bourgeois was clocked at 64 seconds in her

400-meter run.

"Everyone loaded their sprint medley teams and our girls held their own," said Schell. "Emma may not have had her best start to the race, but she was able to finish strong and pass a couple girls to give us great position. Ashlyn is a powerful runner and looked really strong running her best 200-meter split, handing off to Maggie who has a great stride holding off multiple teams and same with Amanda who anchored in her fastest 400-meter split as well."

The long jump team just missed out on placing in the top six, finishing seventh overall as Katie McLaughlin, Lauren Giuliana and Petya Stoeva combined to jump 38-08.25.

The shot put trio of Amie Russell, Shannon Murphy and Annabelle Kane combined to toss 77-09.25 to take 14th. The 4x800 relay team of Sam Burke, Carissa Rubin, Gianna Misuraca and Olivia Erler finished 17th with a time of 11:08.20.

The distance medley team was 18th at 15:24.34 with Allie Jordan, Amber Flynn, Angie Ciampa and Misuraca. The 4x50 shuttle hurdle team of Miriam Nelson, Joanne Arulraj, Aailay Abel and Emily Fothergill finished 20th at 40.27 seconds.

Wilmington had two 4x50 and two 4x200 teams compete. The 4x50 'A' team of Buckley, Anna Rideout, Julia McLaughlin and Grace Foley were 27th at 27.48 seconds and the 'B' team of Quinn Proulx, Angie Zaykovskaya, Ashley MacGilvrey and Anja Jensen were 34th at 28.73.

The 4x200 'A' team was Amber Flynn, Rideout and Julia and Katie McLaughlin and they finished 23rd at



On Saturday, the Wilmington High School Girls' Indoor Track-and-Field team finished 8th at the D4 Eastern Mass Relay Meet held at the Reggie Lewis Center. Above, members of the high jump relay team, from left, Hannah LaVita, Evelyn Miller-Nuzzo and Julianna Patrone finished in a tie for second place. (courtesy photo/coach Brian Schell)

1:58.76, while the 'B' team was Arulraj, Abel, Nelson and Stoeva, who were 35th at 2:07.41.

The 4x400 'B' team of Zaykovskaya, Jensen, Shea Cushing and MacGilvrey were 22nd at 4:57.94 and finally the 1,600 sprint medley 'B' team of Gianna

Spada, Giuliana, Proulx and Cushing were 31st at 5:27.06.

"Overall this meet was a great experience," said Schell. "Everyone took advantage of being aggressive and attacking their events. It ultimately led to a lot of personal records and some big ones at that."

Wilmington will next compete at this Sunday's MSTCA Invitational Meet back at the RLC and then will have the Middlesex League Championship Meet on Monday, February 4th, also at the RLC at 4:00 pm.



Above, from left, Maggie Bourgeois, Evelyn Miller-Nuzzo, Amanda Broussard and Emma Garrity display their medals for finishing fifth in the 4x400 race and to the right, the fifth place sprint medley relay team includes from left, Ashlyn Buckley, Garrity, Broussard and Bourgeois. (courtesy photos/coach Brian Schell)

Farrell's patience is certainly paying dividends for Cougars

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hard and is having a great year," said Pappas. "He's a leader and a great motivator. We made him Captain, so obviously, he has leadership qualities. He's a very-well-put-together goalie. His strengths include tracking the puck and covering his rebounds. I believe he has a pair of assists this year, when he fed the puck from the goal line to the blue line."

Farrell earned MVP honors in late December for his remarkable effort during the two-day Serino Christmas Classic. In the opening round, he backstopped a 2-0 shutout over St. Mary's Lynn and came back the next day to blank

hockey powerhouse Hingham, 4-0, in the Tournament Championship game.

Farrell, who currently possesses a goals-against-average less than 1.00, and AP teammate Nolan Ricci have marched in virtual lockstep for nearly their entire hockey careers.

"Basically, everywhere that Robbie has played hockey, we've been together," said Ricci, a junior right winger who has contributed 5 goals and 4 assists to the Cougar cause. "Through youth hockey, the Rangers, the Shamrocks, and now here at AP, we've been teammates. It's great to have

someone like him in the net."

Despite suffering the first defeat of the season at Pope Francis last Saturday, Farrell is confident his team will continue its stellar performance through the remainder of the regular season and beyond.

"We have this mentality this year that nobody is going to stop us," he said. "We go out there and we don't really care who we're playing or what their record is. We just go out there looking for a win. I don't care how many goals I let in the net as long as we've put in one more by the end of the game."



Lindsay Mitchell of Billerica (left) and Ally Moran of Wilmington (right) are teammates on the New England Diamond Gems Softball team and the two seniors announced they will be playing next year at Becker and Framingham State, respectively. (courtesy photo)

The foursome of Adamek, Riley and Elder Brothers

Wilmington's 4x800 relay team breaks school record

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ROXBURY - On Saturday afternoon, the Wilmington High School boys' indoor track-and-field team finished 14th out of 25 teams that competed in the Eastern Mass Division 4 Relay Meet held at the Reggie Lewis Center in Roxbury.

Middlesex League foes Burlington and Wakefield finished first and second, while North Reading third, and then Triton Regional and Canton tied for fourth.

Wilmington had three teams that placed in the top six which accounted for the team's points, while, two others just missed out on placing.

The top highlight of the team belonged to the 4x800 relay team of Greg Adamek (2:08), Sean Riley (2:07.8) and brothers Brian (2:04.6) and Kevin Elderd (2:05.1), who finished with a combined time of 8:26.52.

"The 4x800 team placed third and set the school record in the event for indoor," said head coach Mike Kinney. "Greg Adamek started off with a strong leg of 2:08. He has been outstanding for us this year. He usually runs longer distances but he showed off his versatility in this meet. He is a mentally tough runner. Sean Riley was the second leg and he is enjoying a sensational sophomore season. Every meet he improves his times which is really a product of hard work and paying attention to detail."

"Brian Elderd was the third leg and he ran the fastest time of 2:04.6. He is strong runner is getting better at the right time, approaching the end of the season meets. Captain Kevin Elderd ran the

anchor leg in a pr time of 2:05. He has been having a great season, qualifying in the 1,000 and running consistent anchor legs in the 4x400 all season. This team should be able to do some damage at the divisional meet."

Adamek then doubled-up and came back to run the lead-off leg of the fifth place distance medley relay. He finished his 1,200-meter run with a time of 3:26.2 and was followed by Max Duong, who was clocked at 57.4 in the 400, Vinnie De La Cruz in the 800 (2:11.2) and Ben Packer, who concluded the race running the 1,600-meters at 4:49.4.

"They ran awesome as well against a very talented pool of teams," said Kinney. "Adamek started off with a blistering 3:26 in the 1,200, Duong ran a solid 57.1 in the 400, Vincent Delacruz turned in a strong 2:11 in the 800, and captain Ben Packer anchored with 4:49 in the mile. He is a great captain. We usually rely on him in the two-mile but he showed that he can run a quick mile as well."

The last team to place was the 4x50-meter shuttle hurdle team of Sam Vince (7.0), Duong (7.5), Aiden Ryan (8.5) and Sam Juergens (7.3), who combined for a time of 30.47 seconds, good for sixth place.

"The hurdlers executed exceptionally with captains Sam Vince and Max Duong leading the way," said Kinney. "The underclassman Sam Juergens and Aiden Ryan stepped up when they needed to."

The long jump trio of Colton Sullivan, Juergens and Duong combined to leap 51-3.75 to earn a seventh place finish. Then the



Wilmington High's Matt Chisholm attempts to clear the high jump bar during an earlier season track meet held at BU. (photo by Nicole Goodhue Boyd).

4x400 'A' team of Vince (56.7), Riley (56.0) and the Elder Brothers, finished at 3:43.20, to take eighth place.

"The long jump team just missed placing with sophomores Colton Sullivan and Sam Juergens jumping season bests," said Kinney. "Max Duong was the third jumper and just missed out on his third medal of the day. We love this meet because it takes team depth to do well. Also, it brings the team dynamic in a

sport that sometimes only focuses on individual performances. The senior leadership on this team has been outstanding."

In the other running events, Wilmington had two teams compete in the 4x50-meter dash, the 4x200 and the 1,600 sprint medley. The 4x50 'A' team of Richie Stuart, Ben DeSantis, Matt Chisholm and Sullivan finished 15th at 24.13 seconds, and the 'B' team of Ryan, Andy Lee, Ethan Yuen and Bruce Veliz were 30th at

25.46.

The 4x200 'A' team of Stuart, Chisholm, Sullivan and Jeandre Abel were 18th at 1:42.24, and the 'B' team of Joe Demoura, Yuen, John Ware and Joe Hartzell were 33rd at 1:54.20.

The sprint medley 'A' team consisted of Nolan Kennedy, DeSantis, Veliz and Jimmy Valente, who finished 16th at 4:09.18, and then the 'B' team of Joe Lydon, Lee, Ware and Hartzell were 27th at 4:18.02.

Finally in the running events, the 4x400 'B' team of Lydon, Demoura, Kennedy and Valente were 20th at 4:05.09.

In the other field events, the high jump trio of Juergens, Riley and Vince cleared a combined 15 feet to finish 10th, and in the shot put, Tyler Thomas (43-03.75), Chris Medeiros and Shawn Estrella finished 12th with a combined throw of 106-6.

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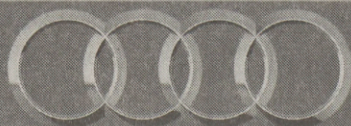
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WHS Boys Hoop team remains in hunt for post-season spot

‘Cats grab second victory before getting edged out by Melrose

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WILMINGTON - They may not have gotten the results that they wanted, but the Wilmington High Boys Basketball team played one of their best games of the season last Friday night despite coming up short in a 58-45 loss to Middlesex League Freedom Division rival Melrose at Lawrence H. Cushing Gymnasium.

The final score does not indicate how close the game was, as the Wildcats, who trailed by eleven points at halftime, trailed by only two points with five minutes left in the game before Melrose took over down the stretch.

Wilmington coach Dennis Ingram saw his team struggle mightily offensively in the first half falling behind 17-7 and 24-13 after the first and second quarters, was disappointed to see his team come up short, but pleased to see the way they fought to get back into the game.

“We have talked about it a lot with our guys about being confident and stepping up and taking shots and that is what happened in the second half,” Ingram said. “I am looking at the book right now and there was a lot more action in the second half. It looks like we only made one field goal in the second quarter, but we got it together and played much better in the second half.”

The Wildcats were led by an outstanding effort by senior captain Chris Stokes, who had a team high 16

points, even while playing most of the game in foul trouble after picking up his fourth with four minutes left in the second quarter. Eleven of Stokes points came in the second half while playing with the four fouls.

“We got to that point late in the second quarter when he got his fourth, and I think we were down nine at that point, so we had to decide are we going take him out and save him until we are down by 15, or are we going to roll with him and take our chances,” Ingram said. “That was a critical point in the game. Hats off to him for being so composed and we asked him to do so much in the second half.”

Trailing 24-13 at halftime after struggling to hit many wide open looks from the three point line, the Wildcats came out in the third quarter determined to get back in the game, and after struggling in the first couple of minutes of the quarter, that is just what they did.

Melrose still held a comfortable 30-17 lead with 6:10 left in the quarter, but that was where the Wildcats began their comeback, starting with a three pointer from the corner by sophomore Evan Witalisz, followed by a bucket from Stokes.

Later in the quarter, a three pointer by Owen Surette pulled the Wildcats within 32-25, and moments later a technical foul against Melrose led to three free throws by senior Stephen Anthony to bring

Wilmington within 32-28 with 1:42 left in the quarter.

Melrose bumped the lead back up to 36-28, but a three pointer by Witalisz at the buzzer, from well beyond the arc pulled the Wildcats to 36-31 at the end of the quarter, and another Witalisz three pointer early in the fourth made the score 36-34 with 7:40 left in the game.

The Wildcats still trailed by two at 40-38 with five minutes left, when junior center Andrew Munsie grabbed a rebound, and made a great move to the hoop only to see his shot go in and out, costing the Wildcats a chance to tie.

Unfortunately for the Wildcats, that was somewhat of a last gasp, as Melrose took over from there, nailing a three-pointer on the ensuing possession and outscoring Wilmington 12-2 over the next three minutes to lead 52-40 with two minutes left in the game.

Until that final stretch where Melrose dominated, the Wildcats had played outstanding defense throughout the game, something which Ingram has stressed throughout the season.

“We had just a three point field goal in the second quarter and scored only six points, but they only scored seven points, so you are talking about the second quarter of a varsity boys basketball game that was 7-6,” Ingram said. “So as much as we hit a speed bump there offensively, we never lost sight of what we were trying to do defensively. So that is a credit to our guys for really



Wilmington High junior Kevin Palmerino brings the ball up the court for the Varsity Boys' Basketball team during an earlier season game. (photo by Jim Vaiknoras).

WHS Girls Basketball

Melrose comes out strong and cruises to a ML Freedom Division win

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WILMINGTON - Heading into Friday night's home game with Middlesex League leading Melrose High, the Wilmington High Girls Basketball team knew they would have to be at their best if they were going to knock off the Red Raiders.

Unfortunately for the Wildcats, however, they did not have one of their best games, particularly in the first half while Melrose was on top of their game from start to finish. The result was a 57-37 Melrose win that dropped Wilmington to 6-4 overall, and 5-4 in the Middlesex League Freedom Division, keeping them in second place in the league, but putting them three games behind Melrose for the league lead.

“They are the number one team in the Freedom Division, and we are number two, so there is a big gap that we need to close before we see them again in mid-February,” Wilmington coach Jessica Robinson said.

The Wildcats found themselves facing a 36-19 deficit at the end of the first half, due mainly to the efforts of Red Raiders sophomore forward Sam Dewey, who had 22 of her game high 30 points

in the first half.

“I thought we played pretty well in the first half, we just had a hard time stopping (Dewey) for them,” Robinson said. “We knew she was a good player coming in. We talked about some defensive schemes, but she played really well, and since we had some trouble scoring in the first half, we couldn't do any of the defensive stuff we talked about.”

The Wildcats did indeed struggle in the offensively in the first half, with the exception of one player, junior guard Jenna Tavanese who had 15 of the Wildcats 19 first half points, and had 25 of the Wildcats 37 points overall, hitting seven three-pointers in the game.

“Jenna played really well,” Robinson said. “Offensively she was really all we had going for ourselves, so that was a very good game for her.”

Wilmington did their best to get back in the game in the second half, once again led by Tavanese, along with sophomore forward Kylie DuCharme, but they could not really cut into the Melrose lead.

Wilmington did play Melrose pretty evenly for the remainder of the game, being outscored by only four points in the second half, but it was not enough to pull off the upset victory.

The second half effort by the Wildcats did offer Robinson a look into what she hopes her team is able to do the next time they face each other, on February 14 in Melrose.

“Obviously our goal to focus on our next game, but we know we will see them again in February,” Robinson said. “So we will go over the film from this game and see where we can fix things, and what we can do better, and how we make ourselves more prepared for the next time we face them.”

The Wildcats were back in action on Wednesday night when they Weston (3-8) in a non-league battle.

Wilmington will continue its play this week ahead with stops at Burlington (4-6) on Friday and Lexington (5-6) on Tuesday.

After that will be five more league games, including one last cross-over with Woburn, before concluding the regular season by participating in the St. Mary's Tournament and will face Groton-Dunstable (7-2) a perennial Central Mass frontrunner, and then either Arlington Catholic (5-5) or Pentucket Regional (12-1) in either finals or consolation round.

Friday's game with Burlington is a 7:00 pm tip-off but Tuesday's with Lexington is a 5:30 start.

buckling down and staying with it.”

The Wildcats had begun their week last Wednesday night with a convincing 69-53 win on the road over Notre Dame Cristo Rey of Lawrence. It was their second win of the season for the Wildcats over the non-league Division 3 opponents and while they are currently 2-8 overall, the win over Notre Dame improved the Wildcats record 2-2 against Division 3 teams, keeping them on track to possibly earn a post-season berth via the Sullivan Rule (finishing .500 or better against teams in Division 3).

Wilmington, which led 31-21 at the half and 54-35 after three quarters, was led by a game high 27 points by Stephen Anthony, while Surette added 14 points of his own.

Perhaps the only area of the game where the Wildcats struggled was with personal fouls, as both Anthony and Chris Stokes fouled out of the game early in the fourth quarter and Notre Dame went to the free throw line 35 times, going 19-for-35 from the line.

“This was a good win for us,” Ingram said. “We were in foul trouble from the opening tip. Evan Witalisz and Kevin Palmerino also stepped up and played good games for us.”

With their 2-2 record in Division 3 games, the Wildcats must go at least 2-2 in their four remaining games against Division 3 foes the rest of the season, in order to qualify for the tournament.

That quest starts with Thursday's game against St. Joe's (2-10), followed by a

rematch with the same club next Thursday night on the road as well as one game each against Stoneham (3-8) and Watertown (5-5), on February 8th and 12th, respectively.

“We have the weekend off, and then we have a very big game on Thursday,” Ingram said. “It's a game that if we win will help us get to the tournament. Losing stinks, but I think that our guys right now have a lot of confidence in their ability and their ability to grow and get even better.”

After the St. Joe's game on Thursday, the 'Cats will go to Burlington (5-8) on Friday before coming back home Tuesday to face Lexington (9-3), and two days later taking a trip to St. Joe's, giving the team four games in eight days.

New soccer coach at NECC seeking players

Northern Essex Community College Director of Athletics Dan Blair has announced Eusebio Marote has been named head coach of the Knights reestablished men's soccer program and will begin his duties on January 23rd.

Prior to building the Knights program, Marote has coaching experience with the Hampshire United Soccer Club, Sidekick Soccer Academy and Portuguese American Soccer Academy.

A native of Lowell, Marote, had a successful playing career at Lowell High School before moving on to Daniel

Webster College, where he served as a three-year captain of the program and was twice named to the New England Collegiate Conference All-Conference 2nd Team.

The Eagles captured three conference titles in Marote's four seasons and made three appearances in the NCAA Division III Tournament. His 75 games played over four seasons was a Daniel Webster school record. Marote graduated from Daniel Webster in 2017 with a degree in Sport and Fitness Administration/Management.

The Northern Essex Community College men's soccer program will take to the field in the fall of 2019 for the first time since the college previously disbanded the program in the mid 1990's.

Prospective students interested in the NECC soccer program are encouraged to complete NECC Athletic Recruitment Form or contact Coach Eusebio, emarote@necc.mass.edu, or Dan Blair, NECC athletic director, diblair@necc.mass.edu.



The senior members on this year's WHS Girls' Basketball team includes from left, Cassidy Collins, Gabby Bond, Ginamarie Mastrorilli and Sara Babcock. (photo by Jim Vaiknoras).

Where's the Action?

Day	Date	Sport	Opponent	Time
Wilmington High Sports				
Thursday	January 24	V Boys Hoop	vs St. Joe's Prep	5:30 pm
Friday	January 25	V Wrestling	at Cohasset	4:00 pm
Friday	January 25	V B/G Hoop	at Burlington	5:30/7pm
Friday	January 25	V B/G Swimming	vs Masconomet	8:00 pm
Saturday	January 26	V Girls/Boys Hockey	at Arlington	6:00 pm
Sunday	January 27	B/G Track	State Coaches Inv	10:00 am
Tuesday	January 29	V Girls Hoop	at Lexington	5:30 pm
Tuesday	January 29	V Boys Hoop	vs Lexington	6:00 pm
Tuesday	January 29	V Girls Hockey	vs Lexington	8:00 pm
Wednesday	January 30	V Boys Hockey	vs Lexington	8:00 pm
Shawsheen Tech Sports				
Thursday	January 24	V Girls Hoop	at NDA	5:30 pm
Thursday	January 24	V Boys Hockey	vs Essex Tech	7:10 pm
Friday	January 25	V Swimming	vs Gr. Lowell	3:30 pm
Friday	January 25	V Boys Hoop	at Chelsea	7:00 pm
Saturday	January 26	V Wrestling	at State Voc Meet	TBA
Saturday	January 26	V Boys Hockey	at Nashoba Tech	3:20 pm
Monday	January 28	V Girls Hockey	vs Weston/Wayland	7:00 pm
Tuesday	January 29	V Girls Hoop	vs Essex Tech	5:30 pm
Tuesday	January 29	V Boys Hoop	at Essex Tech	7:00 pm
Wednesday	January 30	V Swimming	at CAC Meet	3:00 pm
Wednesday	January 30	V Girls Hockey	vs St. Joe's Prep	7:00 pm
Wednesday	January 30	V Wrestling	at Burlington	7:00 pm
Tewksbury High Sports				
Friday	January 25	V Girls Hoop	vs Central Catholic	7:00 pm
Friday	January 25	V Boys Hoop	at Central Catholic	7:00 pm
Saturday	January 26	V Girls Hockey	vs Shrewsbury	12:00 pm
Saturday	January 26	V Boys Hockey	at Danvers	5:20 pm
Tuesday	January 29	V Boys Hoop	vs Andover	7:00 pm
Tuesday	January 29	V Girls Hoop	at Andover	7:00 pm
Wednesday	January 30	V Boys Hockey	vs North Andover	7:20 pm

Cleaning out the notebooks

Bennett gets quite the surprise at team meeting

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Over the last few weeks, there's been a few things that I haven't had a chance to write about, so here's some smaller items as I clean out some of my notebooks.

The first one happened this past weekend. If you follow me on social media, or follow the Town Crier's Facebook Page, then you may have seen the video that surfaced on Wilmington's Connor Bennett.

The kid who previously scored 1,000 points during his tremendous basketball career at WHS, elected not to play hoop during his freshman year. A year later, he switched majors and walked-on to the Division 1 program, which was an amazing story in itself.

Now in his third season with the team, he has made three starts and has appeared in 28 games.

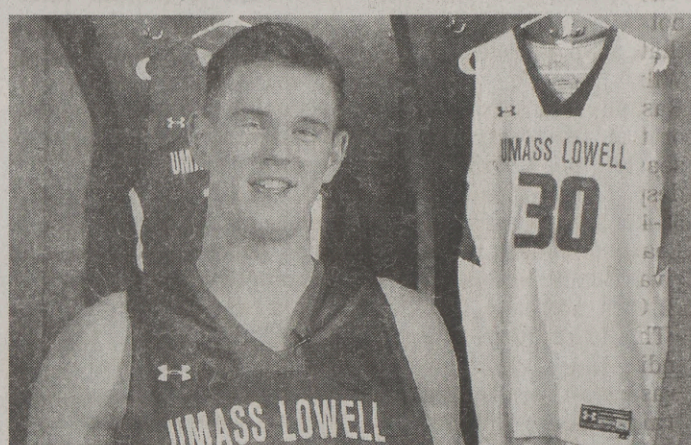
Anyway, on Friday night, head coach Pat Duquette was holding a team meeting. He went over some stuff before playing a trick on Bennett, making him believe that he ordered movies and owed some money. Bennett totally denied it, so Duquette told Bennett that he had to go straighten out the situation, or the team would be doing some serious running at the next practice.

Bennett looked at the paper work, which he thought had erroneous charges against his room, but instead it was a paper announcing that the junior has earned a Division 1 scholarship.

The entire team went crazy in celebrating this incredible moment.

"I don't even know where to begin," Bennett said on social media after the video went viral. "(I) was pretty much scared to death with this set up. Props to coach for being such a great actor! Beyond thankful and grateful for this honor of receiving a scholarship for this year in basketball. So much love to everyone who has helped me get to this point."

Next on the list, comes from Anna Maria College and freshman hockey player Niamh Cote of Tewksbury. Two years ago, she was a member of the Tewksbury/Methuen Co-Op Hockey team and just recently, she spent her College Holiday break in



Wilmington resident Connor Bennett, a red-shirt junior at UML, received quite the surprise in a team meeting on Friday night as a member of the school's basketball team. (courtesy photo/UML website).

Cambodia. As part of the "FriendshipWithCambodia" non-profit group, Cote spent her days to help Cambodians "overcome poverty, lack of nutrition, clean drinking water, and medical care while helping young people gain an education and families a decent house."

As a member of the ice hockey team, she has one assist in 11 games.

Turning back to some Wilmington news, certainly sophomore Kylie DuCharme continues to open up many eyes on the basketball courts. The 6-foot-1 forward "is a big-time prospect" according to Evolution.

Sticking with Wilmington, but totally shifting gears, head football coach Craig Turner sent a copy of his fall schedule over to the Town Crier. The Wildcats will no longer be playing Shawsheen Tech and Bedford in non-league games to open the season and instead have picked up games with Woburn and Bishop Fenwick.

Fenwick is coached by one of the nicest human beings anyone will ever encounter in coach/athletic director Dave Woods, however, WHS Hall of Fame Softball Coach is no longer a part of his staff, as he previously served a long time as the defensive coordinator before stepping aside a few years ago.

Wilmington will host Woburn on September 13th and then will travel to Fenwick the following week.

The Cats will have their usual five games against Middlesex League Freedom Division teams, including home games with Wakefield, Melrose and Burlington, but going to Watertown and Stoneham, and then after the three weeks of playoffs, going to Tewksbury on Thanksgiving.

Turner also added that the 'Cats will be going up against Billerica as one of the team's pre-season scrimmages.

Speaking of former WHS Coaches, kudos also are extended to Jay Keane, who is building up the new girls' basketball program at Malden Catholic. The team is currently playing a JV schedule and are off to an 8-1 start.

Finally, I'll end with an item on another coach, but this one at the professional level. I have to say that Bruce Cassidy has done an absolutely masterful job since taking over for the Bruins.

I was firmly adamant that Claude Julien was an elite coach, who didn't need to go when Don Sweeney gave him the ax. To me, Julien was exceptional with his defensive style, and championships are always won with defense.

Although my stance on Julien hasn't changed since he has gone to the Canadiens, certainly the Bruins made the right move with Cassidy. He brings so much energy every night which is needed in this town, plus I think he gets so much more out of the younger guys, which apparently was the entire reason for Claude getting the boot in the first place.

For Cassidy to have this team at 11 games over .500 and 52 games over .500 since taking over to be is absolutely incredible.

And if you didn't catch his post-game interview after last Thursday's win over the Blues talking about Chris Wagner missing an empty-net twice, it's pretty hilarious. Certainly Cassidy is tremendous in his press conferences which has been refreshing to watch.



Former Shawsheen Tech star Emily Irwin had quite the week for the Curry College Women's Basketball team, averaging 23.3 points, 12.7 rebounds, 6.0 assists and 4.3 steals over three games. (courtesy photo/CC website).

Wilmington College Round-Up

Irwin continues to pile on the accolades - named Player of the Week by CCC and NEWBA

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Former Shawsheen Tech star player, Emily Irwin, a senior captain on this year's Curry Women's Basketball team, was named the Commonwealth Coast Conference (CCC) Player of the Week, while she also has been recognized as the New England Women's Basketball Association (NEWBA) Player of the Week.

In three games, Irwin averaged 23.3 points, 12.7 rebounds, 6.0 assists, and 4.3 steals. She recorded double-doubles in all three contests, starting with an 18-point, 12-rebound game against Roger Williams, a 59-55 loss. She also had seven assists and four steals in that game.

Irwin followed that up with a season-high 35 points and 10 rebounds as the Colonels defeated the University of New England, 63-54. It was Curry's first win over the Nor'easters in over a decade. The senior guard also had four assists and seven steals in the contest. She closed out the week with 17 points, 16 rebounds, seven assists, and two steals to help Curry (8-7) come away with a 58-52 victory over Western New England.

Freshman Morgan Bresnahan played 13 minutes and finished with 4 points and 1 rebound while playing for Endicott College in the team's 62-61 heart-breaking loss to Salve Regina.

Bresnahan's former WHS teammate, Haverford University freshman forward Caroline Andersen, had four points and two rebounds for the in a 44-38 Fords win over Washington College on Tuesday night. This followed a five point, three rebound, two steal performance in a 62-56 win over Franklin & Marshall on Saturday.

With their two most recent wins, the Fords are now 12-4 on the season.

ICE HOCKEY

Salem State freshman forward Billy Falter had goals in consecutive games for the Vikings back on January 12th and 14th, helping lead them to a 5-0 victory against Worcester State, while suffering a 3-2 loss to Endicott.



BILLY FALTER

For the season, Falter has now four goals and one assist.

SUNY Plattsburgh senior forward Cam Owens had an assist for the Cardinals in their 3-2 win over Wesleyan

last Tuesday. Owens now has three goals and five assists on the season for the 7-7-2 Cardinals.

UMass Dartmouth senior forward and assistant captain Brendan McDonough has been playing very well as of late for the Corsairs. Back on January 10, McDonough had four assists to help lead his team to a 5-1 win over Salem State. He followed that up three games later with two more assists in a 5-1 win over Westfield State last Thursday.

McDonough now has nine goals and nine assists on the season, and his 18 points are second most on the team.

Westfield State University freshman forward Justin Collins has played in 12 games for the Owls on the season, scoring three goals and adding nine assists for 12 points, placing him fourth on the team in scoring. Most recently, back on January 5 Collins had a goal and an assist in a 6-2 win over Salem State.

On the women's side, Maddy Ricci had a goal and an assist to help lead Stevenson University to a 5-1 win over Wilkes back on January 5. The senior forward now has three goals and four assists on the season. Her seven points are fifth most on the team.

TRACK-AND-FIELD

At the Tufts Jumbo Invitational Meet, Julia Gake had a huge day for the Tufts University team. She



JULIA GAKE

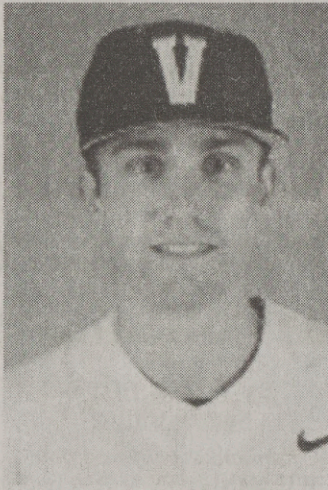
placed first in the 400 at 1:00.41 and then joined Tara Lowensohn, Luanna Machado and Hannah Neilon to win the 4x400 relay with a combined time of 4:07.89.

At the same meet, Elisabeth Olson of Worcester State, finished second in the 1,000-meters with a time of 3:15.71.

At the Beantown Challenge Meet, former Town Crier Female Athlete of the Year Alexcia Luna placed 30th in the 200 at 26.55, competing for the University of Rhode Island.

BASEBALL

Vanderbilt University left handed pitcher Jackson Gillis and his Commodores teammates are ranked No. 1 in a pair preseason polls, topping both the Baseball America and the D1Baseball.com polls. It marks the first time since 2015 the Dores have received the preseason top spot by



JACKSON GILLIS

both polls.

Gillis should play a big role in helping Vandy live up to expectations after going 4-1 with a 4.81 ERA last season, striking out 44 batters in 33 innings pitched.

ROAD RACES

At the Tewksbury Fudgecicle 5K, Series-1, Mark Blaisdell was the top Wilmington finisher taking 14th overall with a time of 22:55. He was followed by: Jill Chisholm (20th, 23:14), Ally D'Amico (72nd, 28:31), Marcos Rodriguez (93rd, 30:47), Jenn Helmar (102nd, 31:37) and Erin Henry (128th, 35:45).

In Week-2, Julie Barrett was the top local finisher as she was 9th overall at 22:43. She was followed by: Chisholm (10th, 22:43), Jody Brown (41st, 25:43) and Rodriguez (96th, 31:31).

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Girls Hockey team gets revenge with big win over Bishop Fenwick

FROM PAGE SP1W

"The first period we pretty much traded zone time and had a few scoring chances but went in scoreless at the break."

Around the six minute mark of the second period, the 'Cats got on the scoreboard. Defenseman Bridget O'Shea sent a strong pass ahead to create a 2-on-1 break. Lia Kourkoutas took the puck and sent her own pass to Zoe DeRose, who outraced the lone Fenwick defenseman before picking up her head, finding an opening and firing the puck to that spot for the pretty goal.

Fenwick came right back less than a minute later scoring a goal on their own 2-on-1 break to tie the game up at 1-1.

Shortly after that, Wilmington was able to recover and score what proved to be the game winner. Kourkoutas recovered a puck near the top of the Wilmington blue line, and sent a pass ahead to Payton Fuller, who was moving through the left side of the neutral zone. She was able to pick up some speed and beat not only the defenseman but then the goalie on an in tight breakaway to make it 2-1,

which stood through the second period intermission.

"The third period was back and forth with both teams having scoring opportunities," said LaPiana. "Solid defensive zone play and strong goaltending (by Melanie Hayden), which has been our strong suit, carried us through that period."

"Fenwick pulled their goaltender (for the extra skater) with less than a minute to go. We won two face-offs in our zone during that time and were able to kill the clock (and come away with the win)."

Sachems win the ugly contest, 4-0

FROM SP1W

not making the players sit more than tonight's game and just get them all out of here. I think that's fair. Take all of the players who were involved and toss them.

"It's very unfortunate that this happened because we don't have a reputation of being involved in stuff like this. Winchester doesn't have the reputation and neither does (Winchester head coach) Bill (Burns)."

After the 11 ejections, the game was clean the rest of the way until 40 seconds left when a penalty was called on a Winchester player, who then got tossed making 13 players in total ejected in the game.

Wilmington fell to 4-6-0 and have now lost four games in

a row dating back to winning the Haverhill Christmas Tournament. The 'Cats have to either come up with 12 points in their last ten games or go at least 2-1-1 against Wakefield, Stoneham, Shawsheen Tech and Tewksbury in order to qualify by the "Sullivan Rule", which is going .500 against teams in your division or lower (D2 and D3) since 70 percent of the team's schedule is against teams from D1.

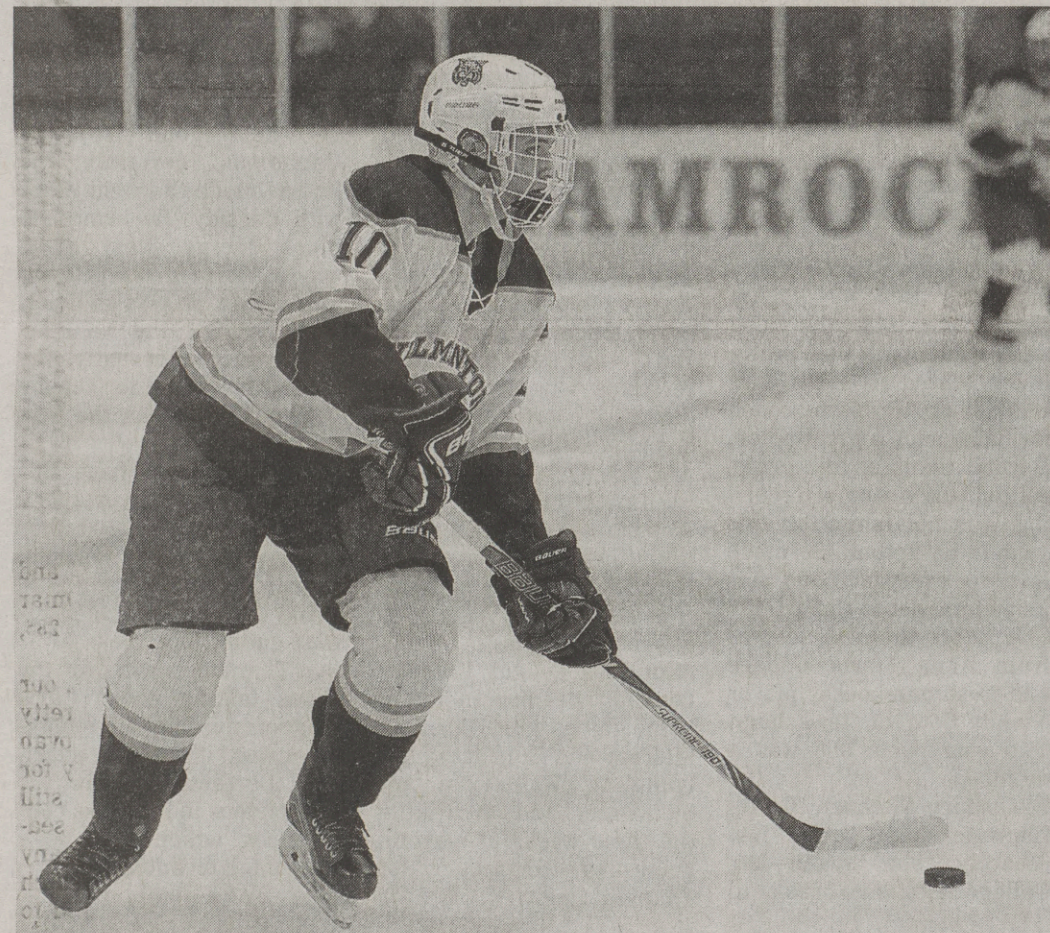
Take the scrub portion out of the equation, turning things around in the second half seems like a lot to ask at this point for Wilmington as the team is struggling in many areas.

"Our guys look tired and

sluggish," said Scanlon. "I realize that we are hitting the iron (of the schedule) but we (also) continue to be the most penalized team in the league. I see a lot of that as maturity. When we get down, we lash out. You have to have some mental toughness."

Wilmington is back in action with a trip to Arlington on Saturday. The Spy Ponders are 7-1-2 overall, which includes a 6-1 thumping over this same Winchester team.

The 'Cats return home on Wednesday night to face Lexington (3-7-3) before the important second round swing against Freedom Division opponents.



Wilmington High junior defenseman Justin Crowley has control of the puck at the blue line during Saturday's 4-0 loss to Winchester held at the Ristuccia Arena.

(photo by Bob DeChiara).

There's no place in the game for this behavior

FROM SP1W

players trying to physically beat each other up.

When the game was finally over, the 45 combined penalties that were called, including a pair of five-minute majors and 13 total ejections -- all 10 skaters and the Winchester goalie getting tossed with 3:40 left in the second period -- filled up two scoresheets.

The first major penalty came less than two minutes into the game which sadly set the tone for the ugly, embarrassing display by both teams.

Certainly both sides were equally at fault. Tempers were sky high from the first two minutes of the game and it boiled over until the final buzzer.

When the game was over, WHS head coach Steve Scanlon said, "I thought it was an embarrassing performance for both teams, for individual players and for high school hockey in general. I haven't seen something like that in twenty years."

Later on in the interview, he added that, "It's very unfortunate that this happened because we don't have a reputation of being involved in stuff like this,

Winchester doesn't have the reputation and neither does (Winchester head coach) Bill (Burns)."

Like Scanlon, Burns has a great reputation of building top-notch programs himself, whether at Suffolk University or at the high school level with Pentucket Regional and now Winchester. Back in 2016, the two coaches were enshrined together into the Massachusetts State Hockey Coaches Association's Hall of Fame.

What happened in this contest was not Hall of Fame material and should never have happened. There's certainly no place for it in the game. It's not what high school hockey is about. It's certainly not what Scanlon and Burns and their programs have been about for the last quarter-century-plus.

The game of hockey is about playing together, rising above adversity time after time after time. To play it, and to play it well, you need skill, talent, heart and more heart.

The game of hockey is also about having mental and physical toughness. Mental

toughness can be described in many different ways, but certainly starts with keeping your mouth shut, your nose clean and avoiding situations that can possibly put you and your teammates in danger.

Physical toughness means winning 1-on-1 battles in the corners and in front of the net. It doesn't mean giving blind-sided checks, cross-checks to the throat or hay-makers to opposing players helmets. That behavior which we witnessed on Saturday, is reckless, dangerous and potentially lethal.

Saturday's incident could have been worse. It could have been deadly and thankfully, it wasn't.

That being said, one of the thousands of wonderful aspects about competing and being on a high school team is the million life lessons you learn along the way.

The life lesson here is painfully obvious -- let's hope the Winchester and Wilmington hockey teams see that as clear as what we all saw from the stands.



Wilmington High senior defenseman Molly Foley turns the corner with the puck on her stick, while trying to avoid a Winchester player, during Saturday's home loss to the Sachems.

(photo by Bob DeChiara).

Middlesex League Girls Hockey

Winchester comes away with 2-0 win to continue winning streak over 'Cats

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WILMINGTON - It's been said frequently this season that the Wilmington High School girls' hockey team has improved drastically whether it's from last year to this year, or from early December to now late January.

This past week, although was a bit up-and-down compared to a few other weeks beforehand, the Wildcats picked up three points. It started with a 2-2 tie against Watertown, before losing 2-0 to Winchester and rebounding two days later with a 2-1 win over Bishop Fenwick (see related story) as the team continues to climb that ladder.

The 1-1-1 week puts Wilmington at 4-7-3 overall but 3-7-3 for state tournament purposes with the exclusion game against Ursuline Academy not counting.

The strange thing about the week's three games is that Wilmington should have come out with a win against Watertown, played fairly well against an extremely talented and deeper team in Winchester, and then dropped Fenwick, a month after losing to the Crusaders by a 4-1 score.

After Saturday's home loss to Winchester, head coach John LaPiana was a bit perplexed with his team's play. The Sachems, with a bench holding 23 players compared to 16 for the 'Cats, scored single goals in the first and second periods and held a

23-3 advantage in shots, before the Wildcats got a third period spark and came away with a 7-4 advantage in shots, but just couldn't find the back of the net.

Actually since joining the Middlesex League, Wilmington is 0-8 against Winchester, have been shut out five times and were outscored a combined 30-3, before falling by just two tallies this time around.

The coach said that since day one the effort has always been there, but in his mind, that's not enough.

"The effort is great," said LaPiana. "It's amazing when you are looking at the two teams warming up and it's amazing that we're even in a lot of these games. The girls work hard, but we're not making all of the right decisions. We carry the puck down one-on-four, and we're trying to carry it over the blue line, but because of the numbers that we are facing, we got to get the puck in deep. We're not making the best of decisions. The effort is there and I can't fault a single one of those girls for that."

"If we can play a little bit smarter and utilize the things that we have been working on in practice, I think it puts us in a better position to win. But when we get out there under the pressure, and there's a lot of pressure, sometimes we revert back to some bad habits. Those are the habits that we are trying to break (in order for us to) become more of a complete hockey team."



Gabriella Daniels, an eighth grader who is a member of the WHS Girls' Varsity Hockey team, skates in with the puck during Saturday's home loss to Winchester.

(photo by Bob DeChiara).

Winchester scored the single goals in the first two periods as Wilmington really never tested the Sachems' goalie until the third period as Lia Koukoutas put on a hard slap shot from the slot area which was covered up.

At the other end, Wilmington junior goalie Melanie Hayden played another strong game, turning away 21 shots, including a strong low right pad save on a one-time shot coming on a cross pass to the opposite side of the post.

Counting getting the win over Fenwick, Hayden has stopped 218-of-239 shots, has a 2.10 GAA and a .912 save percentage, which are all pretty impressive for a team with just four wins.

In the tie with Watertown, the 'Cats jumped out to a quick 2-0 lead behind goals from Katelin Hally and Payton Fuller.

"They both did a great job on their goals," said LaPiana. "We got the puck deep, they played below the goal line which is what we're trying to do given the circumstances of what (Watertown was) trying to do against us and what they showed us early on. We got the puck in deep, we walked it out to the front of the net, tried to create an open lane and we moved the puck to the net based on that."

"It's all based on if we walk and they come, we slide, or if we walk and they let us (have the space), we're going to take it. I thought we did a real good job with that (early on in the game) and then I'm not entirely sure what happened after that."

Watertown scored a goal in the second period to cut the deficit to 2-1, before getting a second one with about five minutes to go in the third to close out the game tied at 2-2.

"(We were) up 2-0 in the first four minutes of the game and we let them hang around," said LaPiana. "We talked about that at the end of the first period that we thought that we should have been in a stronger position score wise and we weren't. We tried to press that."

"I do have to give credit to Watertown as they really gave it everything they had until the very end and they were just so determined to win. When the score was closer (at 2-1) in the third period, they just believed in themselves and they got the second goal within the last five minutes of the game (to tie it up)."

Wilmington is now off until they travel to play an outstanding Arlington team (8-1-1), who tied Winchester, 4-4, recently. On Tuesday night at 8:00 pm, the 'Cats will host Lexington.

Shawsheen Tech captures 12th straight league title

The dynasty continues on the mat

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This past week, local sports fans were treated to seeing a team continue a run of dominance that stretches over a decade long, the likes of which may never be seen again. No, not the New England Patriots and the continuation of their amazing NFL dynasty, but rather one even closer to home.

The Shawsheen Tech Wrestling team made more history this past week as they dominated Commonwealth Athletic Conference rival Whittier on Wednesday night by a score 57-15 to capture the CAC title for the 12th consecutive season.

The Rams, who have also won nine of the last ten Massachusetts State Vocational championships, improved to 18-2 overall at the time with the win and remained perfect in the CAC at 6-0.

After going 3-1 this weekend in a quad meet, the Rams sport an impressive 21-3 mark for the season.

Wednesday's win over Whittier was a testament to not only how talented this year's team is, but it was a reminder of the program that Donovan has built at Shawsheen. He has guided the team to 24 CAC titles in 34 years as head coach, along with 16 Massachusetts State Vocational championships. Donovan has also presided over 48 Division 1 North individual champions, 12 Massachusetts Division 1 champions, eight All-State champions, three New England champions and a three-time National High School All-American.

The Tewksbury native is also a two-time Hall of Famer, being elected to the Massachusetts Wrestling Hall of Fame in 2009, and being inducted into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame in 2014.

For his part, Donovan is just proud of the way his wrestlers respond every year to the pressure of carrying on the tradition of win-

ning the CAC title.

"They knew what was at stake and they were hungry," Donovan said. "We wrestled really well and we made a statement that we are the best in the league. I make sure the kids know there is a bulls eye on us every year. We get the kids to by in and know that this is our first goal every year. Every year we are the team that everybody wants to beat. We want to keep being that team to beat."

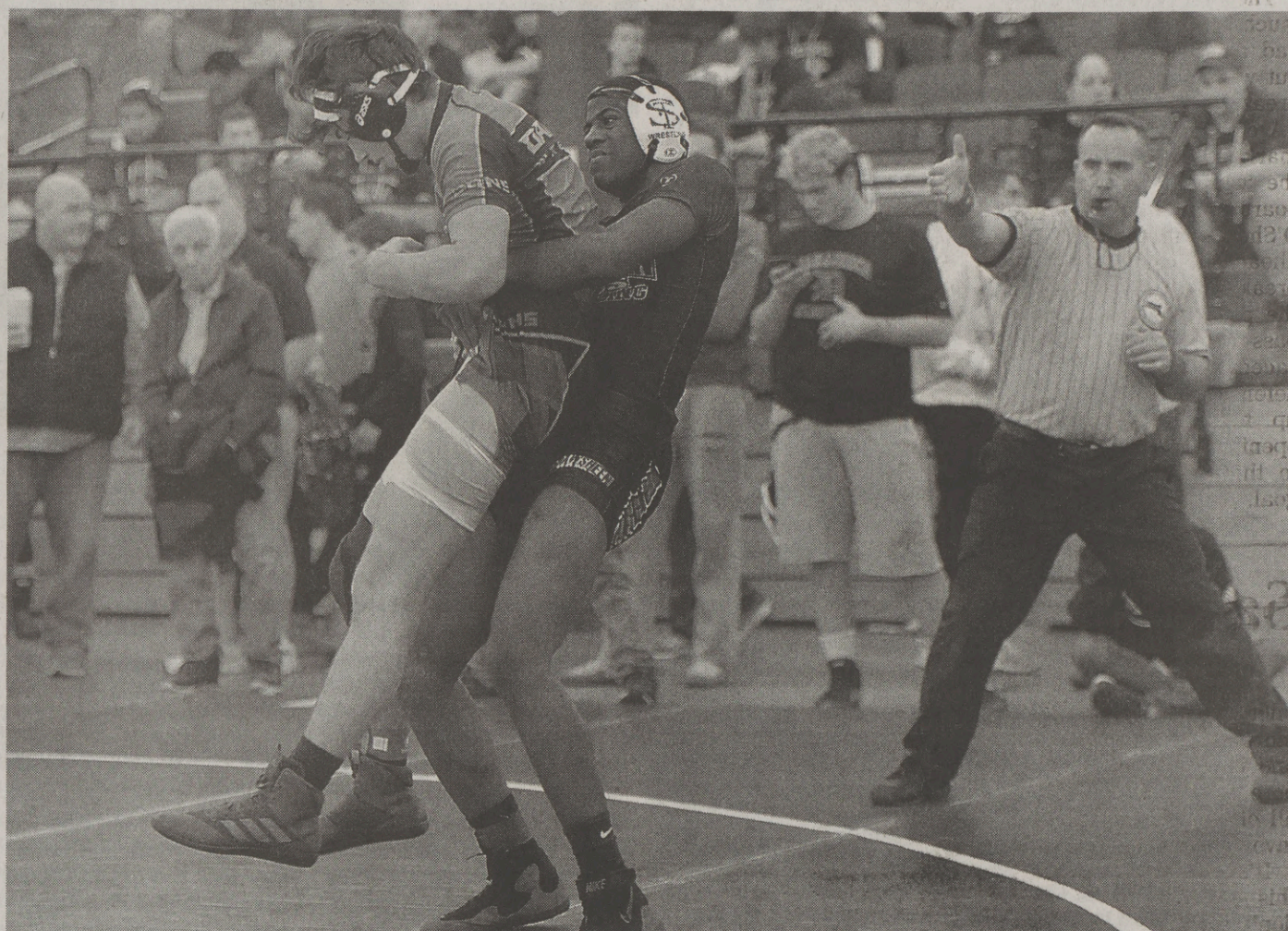
For wrestlers like Shawsheen senior Nick Stephens of Tewksbury, who contributed to the league clinching win with a 10-4 win at 160 pounds, being a part of the winning tradition that is Shawsheen wrestling has been a thrill throughout his four year career with the Rams, and contributing to another CAC title for the Rams was his most meaningful win of his senior season to this point.

"This year feels like something different, even after winning it before. It is very special," Stephens said. "It was very exciting to win it against Whittier. This is something we have all been working for since our freshman year. All of us seniors have worked very hard, and every one had a role to be a team player that night and contribute to the win."

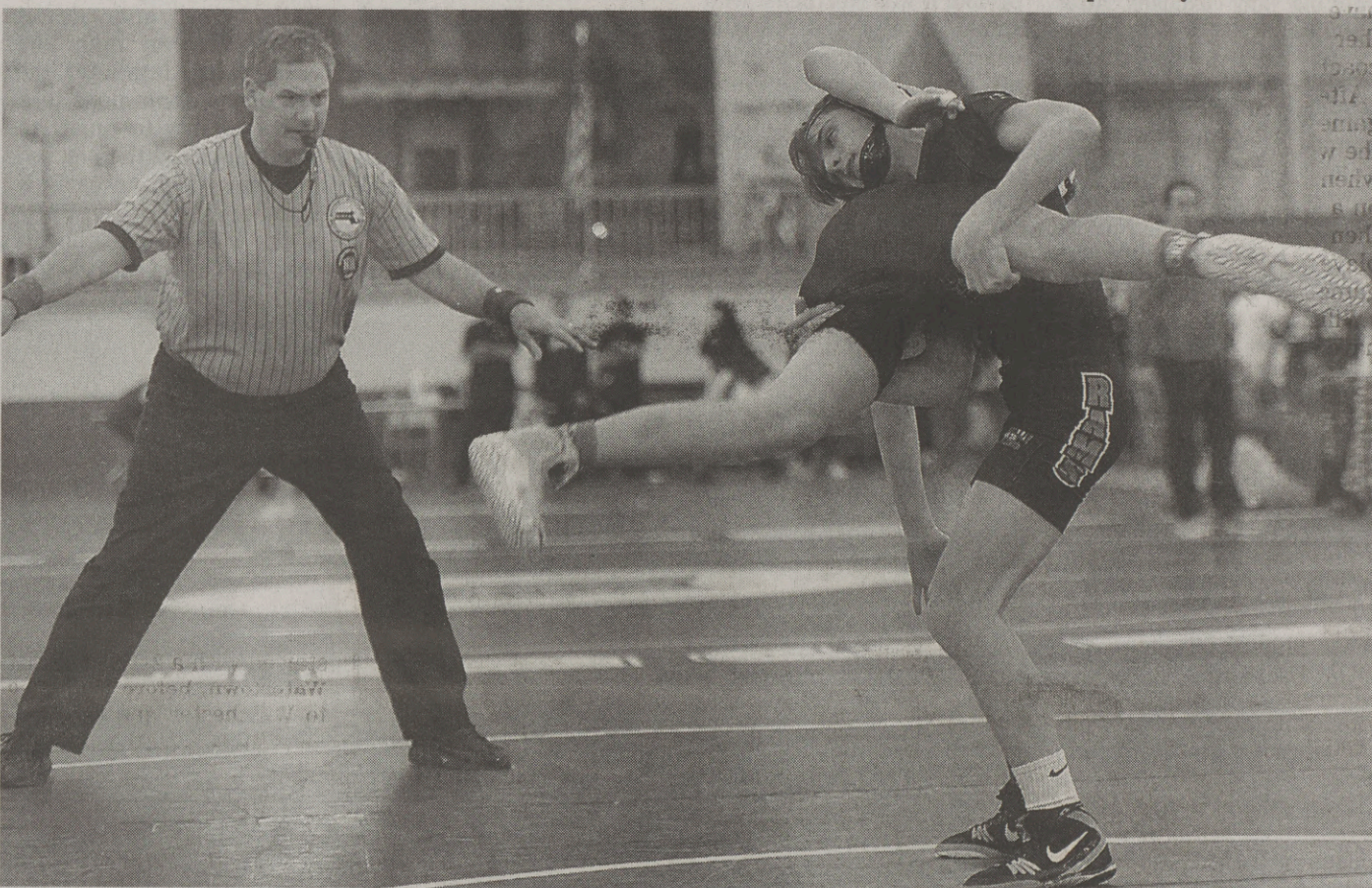
"I know I may not be a number one wrestler, but I try to give it everything I got, so it was great to get a win in that meet and be a part of us winning the championship."

Another Shawsheen senior, Mike Steen of Wilmington, has also been with the Rams for four years. Steen picked up a win by pin in Wednesday's win over Whittier and like Stephens, was proud to be part of another Rams CAC title.

"It feels good to win it again in my senior year," Steen said. "It's just a really good feeling to be a part of the tradition of winning. It was good to win my match, I was just ecstatic. We were all pretty ecstatic at the end of the meet when we won, because we knew we had clinched the league



Above, Stephen St Juste and below Austin Dube, both of Shawsheen Tech, are in complete control of their matches during an earlier season meet. (photos by Bob DeChiaro).



Rams take three-out-four in quad-meet, including a win over Pinkerton Academy

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After clinching their 12th straight Commonwealth Athletic Conference championship last Wednesday night with a 57-15 win over Whittier Tech, the Shawsheen Tech Wrestling team hit the road on Saturday for a long bus trip to Western Massachusetts to take on three of the best teams they will face all season long, including the state's No. 1 team, Springfield Central, who hosted the quad meet.

It would have to be deemed a successful day for the Rams, but not without a little disappointment as well. Shawsheen went 3-1 on the day, picking up wins over the prestigious Pinkerton Academy (47-33) program - New Hampshire's best team for decades - Keene, New Hampshire (39-17) and Windham, New Hampshire (58-18), while suffering a 51-24 loss to Springfield Central. The 3-1 mark now has the Rams with a 21-3 overall record on the season. The loss to Central was also the first loss of the season to a Massachusetts school for the Rams, whose previous two losses had come to schools from Connecticut.

Heading into the quad meet, Springfield Central was ranked No. 1 in the state of Massachusetts, while Shawsheen was ranked No. 2. As happy as Shawsheen coach Mark Donovan was with his team's effort in their three wins, he felt they could have been better

against Springfield Central.

"We beat some good teams, but we simply got out toughed against Springfield Central," Donovan said. "They did their job and we didn't. We couldn't stay off our back, and they did. Quite simply, I hate to say it, but we weren't the old fashioned Shawsheen Tech tough that we are used to seeing."

While the score might have been pretty lopsided in Springfield's favor, Donovan is confident that his team can fare much better if and when the teams face each other again at the Division 1 Dual Meets later in the season.

"I would love to wrestle them again," Donovan said. "I think it could be a different outcome."

Several Rams went 4-0 on the day, with Austin Dube (113 pounds), Frank Foti (120) Brian Caldwell (132) and Omar Eldady (220) all posting perfect records.

"It is pretty impressive to go 4-0 against competition like that," Donovan said. "We don't wrestle a soft schedule, so we travel for two hours to face the best competition, so that sort of says it all."

Shawsheen hosted non-league rival Tewksbury on Wednesday night, and on Saturday they will travel to Essex Tech in Danvers for the Massachusetts State Vocational Tournament.

"We want to take something positive out of a negative situation," Donovan said. "We want to move forward from our loss to Springfield Central."

title, so it was a really cool moment."

Of course, the success of the Rams begins and ends with Donovan, who has led the team to each of its titles during this dominant stretch, as well as all of the other titles in the history of the program.

"Coach Donovan has given us everything to be able to do the best that we can," Stephens said. "We drill hard in practice every single day and we do whatever it

takes to become number one. To be part of something like this is one of a kind. The program is unbelievable and the reason why is because of the mental toughness and the motivation he gives us."

He teaches us to power through things if they are not going our way, and to fight through adversity and things like that," Steen said. "Even if you are feeling down and out, you need to stick with the program. He

is great at knowing how to push us, and keep us all conditioned and prepared to be at our best."

Winners on the day for the Rams included Joe D'Ampolo of Tewksbury (106 pounds, pin), Austin Dube (113, pin), Frank Foti (120, pin), Devin DeLucia (126, pin), 132: Brian Caldwell (132, pin), Justin Merrifield (138, pin), Stephan Saint-Juste (152, pin), Nick Stephens of Tewksbury (10-4 dec), 170, Michael Steen of

Wilmington (170, pin), and undefeated senior Omar Eldady of Wilmington at 285, by pin.

"This was of our goals, our first goal, so we were pretty happy for the kids," Donovan said. "I am really happy for the kids, but there are still three weeks left in the season, and we have many more goals. It's crunch time, and we really need to get after it."

Shawsheen Tech's Girls Hockey team continues to take strides in the right direction

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LOWELL -- While it has not translated into any wins yet, the Shawsheen Tech Girls Hockey Team continues to show signs of improvement under the direction of head coach Bob Roach.

The latest evidence of their improvement came on Monday afternoon at the Janas Rink in a 4-1 loss to Norwood, which dropped the Lady Rams record on the season to 0-8-1.

The last time Shawsheen took on the Mustangs they had suffered a 7-1 loss in a game that was not very competitive. This time around, Shawsheen was very much in the game, trailing only 3-1 in the late in the third period before Norwood scored a fourth goal to account for the final score.

Roach, who has seen his already vastly inexperienced team be beset by injuries, was happy with his team's effort in Monday's rematch.

"I thought we played well. We are missing a couple of players who are out sick or out with concussions and things like that, but the kids stepped up and played well," Roach said. "We are playing some kids who have never played a high school hockey game before, so they are stepping up and contributing."

Sophomore co-captain Emily Sartori of Wilmington scored the Lady Rams lone goal of the game, making a steal at center ice and going in on a breakaway, beating the Norwood goalie with a nice wrist shot to pull Shawsheen within 3-1 with 9:48 left in the game.

"Emily has been playing very well for us," Roach said. "She missed some games at the beginning of the year, but she is back now and playing well."

Shawsheen nearly pulled within one goal moment later, when Sartori set up freshman forward Amber Hurley in front, but the Norwood keeper came up with a big save to keep it a

two goal advantage for the Mustangs.

Norwood did finally add one more goal, beating Shawsheen goalie Clarees Caprigno, who played an outstanding game, and has been playing very well in net as of late, replacing starter Sydney Neault of Tewksbury, who has been out with a concussion. "Clarees stepped in. She does everything for us. She steps in and plays goalie, plays defense, plays forward, whatever we need her for," Roach said.

While the Lady Rams have shown improvement, the bottom line is that they still have not been able to crack the win column, which can certainly be frustrating for any team, but Roach says his team is still working hard regardless of the results.

"It's tough because morale is always a factor, and that was the biggest thing we talked about today with them, is that they never gave up," Roach said after Monday's game. "They kept

on playing, they came back out, they kept on pushing and they got a goal in the third period. I think that shows their character."

And Roach has little doubt that his players will continue to show that character for the rest of the season. All he has to do is look at the improvements they have already made to know that he can count on them for more of the same.

"We have been trying to tell the kids to keep building off of the last game, keep getting stronger and don't ever get discouraged," Roach said. "They keep coming back and work hard in practice. We will practice tomorrow and we are going to try and build on what we have."

"If we took a video from the beginning of the year to now, you can see so many players who are getting better, that are able to do so much more now and are able to be strong contributors to the team."

Shawsheen Tech Boys Hockey

Unbeaten streak comes to a halt against Methuen and Northeast

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After a great start to the season that saw them go undefeated (3-0-5) through their first eight games of the season, the Shawsheen Tech Boys Hockey team hit a bit of a rough patch this past week, dropping a pair of games as their offense struggled to find the back of the net, with the Rams being outscored 8-1 over the two contests.

Shawsheen began their week with a 4-1 loss to non-league rival Methuen last Thursday night at the Hallenborg Pavilion. In this contest, the Rams actually played pretty well despite the rather decisive final score.

After that defeat, Shawsheen followed that up with a somewhat lackluster performance on Monday afternoon back at the Hallenborg against CAC rival Northeast Metro Tech in a 4-0 loss.

The Northeast game was a mid afternoon start on Martin Luther King Day on Monday, a slight quirk in the schedule, but Shawsheen coach Chuck Baker wasn't making any excuses after the loss.

"We didn't play well enough to win. We didn't play well at all. Actually we played God awful" Baker said. "You can look at a lot of things, but Northeast was in the same situation as we are, so I am not going to try

and blame something else. We just didn't come to play."

Against Northeast, the Rams and Knights skated to a scoreless first period, with Shawsheen getting the better of the territorial play in the first half of the period, but Northeast beginning to take control over the final eight minutes.

Northeast carried that momentum into the second period, and turned the tables on the Rams, completely controlling play over the first several minutes of the period before finally cashing in when Pat Maloney scored on a rebound with exactly eight minutes left in the frame.

A few minutes later Maloney nearly scored again, this time on a break-away, but he was stoned by Rams junior goalie Kam Neault of Tewksbury to keep it a one goal game with 3:32 left in the period.

Shawsheen actually played their best hockey of the day over the next three minutes, generating several scoring opportunities, but they were unable to cash in. Making matters worse for the Rams was that despite their good play down the stretch of the period, it was Northeast who would finally get on the board, with Maloney scoring his second goal of the game with 21.6 seconds left in the period to send the Rams to the locker room facing a two goal deficit.

Any thoughts of a third period Rams comeback



Drew Theodos of Tewksbury skates ahead for the Shawsheen Tech Boys' Hockey team during the earlier season fundraising game held against Billerica. (photo by Bob DeChiara).

were severely dimmed when Luke Buckley scored for Northeast just under four minutes into the period to make the score 3-0. Maloney put the final nail in the coffin with 5:37 left in the game, completing his hat trick with a power play goal to make the score 4-0.

"We realistically didn't make them work for their goals," Baker said. "We got ourselves a couple of penalties, which I didn't think really affected us, but it does affect you with a

momentum change, and you have to switch up some lines. But the biggest thing is we just didn't show up."

Last Thursday night, the Rams had taken on a talented Methuen squad at the Hallenborg, and despite playing better than they would a few days later, they were once again done in by their inability to finish and put the puck in the net.

Methuen took an early 1-0 lead on a goal by Ian Beeley at the 4:33 mark of the first period. The Rangers,

coached by former Tewksbury High assistant baseball coach Billy Blackwell, extended it to 2-0 on a goal by Jake Becker at the 10:34 mark of the period, taking their two goal advantage into the first intermission.

Methuen would begin the second period on a power play. The Rangers made the most of their opportunity when Colby Scott scored a highlight reel power play goal from his knees 1:37 into the period.

Shawsheen fought back, however, and did so almost immediately, closing to within 3-1 when Aidan Sullivan scored on a nice wrist shot off an assist by senior captain Beau Ramsey at the 2:14 mark.

The Rams were unable to get any closer however, despite playing the Rangers evenly throughout the rest of the game, and even controlling play at times. Methuen added an empty net goal with 1:18 left to seal the victory and send the Rams to what was at the time their first loss of the season.

"We played all right against Methuen, but we still not generating enough shots to win games, especially not big games," Baker said. "We don't exactly have what you would call a prolific scorer, so we have to try and grind it out, score on some rebounds, and take advantage of a 2-on-1 here or there, but we are not doing that."

The now 3-2-5 Rams attempted to get back in the win column on Wednesday night when they traveled to Concord to take on Minuteman. Results of that game were unavailable as of press time.

The Rams will be back in action on Thursday night at 7:10 pm at the Hallenborg when they host CAC rival Essex Tech, before taking on Nashoba Tech at the Chelmsford Forum on Saturday afternoon at 3:20.

Girls Hoop team splits pair of games; now stand at 7-4

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The week got off to a bit of a rough start for the Shawsheen Tech Girls Basketball team, as they suffered a 38-25 loss to non-league rival Arlington Catholic last Friday night at the Cook Street Pavilion. Fortunately, the Rams bounced back nicely on Tuesday night, picking up an impressive 59-34 win over CAC rival Greater Lowell in another home game.

Shawsheen is now 6-2 in CAC play and 7-4 overall.

"Our game with Arlington Catholic was a real battle start to finish," Shawsheen coach Kate Marshall said. "AC has always been a talented program even when I played for Austin. I was excited for that matchup and they certainly brought a talented crew, but we gave them a good run."

While Shawsheen was unable to generate much offense against Arlington Catholic, that was certainly not the case against Greater Lowell.

The Gryphons had handed Shawsheen their worst defeat of the season a few weeks back, dominating them by a score of 48-29, but this time it was a much different story as the Lady Rams were led by the senior duo of Shannon Fitzgerald and Sam Moriconi, each of whom narrowly missed a triple double.

Fitzgerald collected 12 points, 13 rebounds and nine steals, while Moriconi had nine points, 16 rebounds and 11 assists. Shawsheen led 30-25 at halftime and then pulled away.

Marshall felt that teamwork was a big key to her team's blowout victory.

"Going into this week our focus has been communication. I think that's been lacking offensively and just figuring out our on court chemistry," Marshall said. "These ladies are a great group and all friends off the court so I've been trying to figure out how we can create that in the gym."

"The seniors have really stepped up across the board, and tonight was a showcase of that. Sam and Shannon



Shawsheen's Steph Mercurio of Tewksbury grabs a rebound against Northeast in an earlier season CAC game. (photo by Jim Vaiknoras).

were keys to our offense tonight. And our defense was dominated by Alex DiPerri, and the rest of the seniors."

But it was not just the veteran players who stepped up for Marshall. She felt like she got contributions from many different sources.

"I was also able to use our younger talent tonight and they rose to the occasion against one of our consistently toughest opponents,"

Marshall said. "Overall it was truly a fun game to watch and they didn't require much from me. Something clicked in them ... I've been waiting for that."

Shawsheen will take to the road for their next game, when they take on Notre Dame Academy (6-4) on Thursday night, followed by a home game against Essex Tech (4-8) next Tuesday. Tipoff for both games is at

5:30 pm.

TGBL to participate in UML National Girls and Women's Sports Day

The Tewksbury Girls Basketball League have announced it will be participating in the National Girls and Women's Sports Day at the Tsongas Arena on February 16th, starting at 1:00 pm.

Tewksbury has been invited to participate in a pre-game sports clinic beginning at 11:15 am featuring UMass Lowell's favorite female student-athletes prior to the game.

TGBL girls are also invited to the River-Hawks high-five tunnel and post-game autograph session. Tickets are discounted for TGBL members for \$3. per person.

You may purchase tickets by going to: <https://groupmatics.events/event/Nationalgirls>.

The Tewksbury Girls' Basketball League is pleased to once again offer scholarships to graduating high school seniors who have participated in our program. Completed applications must be postmarked by March 15, 2019 to be considered.

Application forms can be downloaded from our website: www.tgbl.org. For more information, please contact Bob Hinkle at: rdhinkle@hotmail.com.

Great Meredith Rotary Ice Fishing Derby, February 9-10

On Saturday and Sunday, February 9-10, 2019, the beautiful Lakes Region of New Hampshire becomes a winter wonderland on the ice. The 40th annual Great Meredith Rotary Ice Fishing Derby brings anglers and families from all over New England outside to enjoy this fun event.

The derby is headquartered in the picturesque town of Meredith, New Hampshire, a popular tourist destination on the shores of the famous Lake Winnepesaukee. There are plenty of shopping, lodging and dining options in the region and numerous lakes to explore.

Big Prizes, Little Houses and Big Fish! This event is a major fundraiser for the Meredith Rotary Club and the countless volunteer hours make this annual event a "must-do" for anyone that loves the great outdoors and is looking for a great family weekend destination. With over \$50,000 in cash prize awards, there are plenty of people that purchase a \$40 ticket even though they don't even plan to fish!

How about a FREE lesson in how to ice fish? On Saturday, February 9th,

instructors from the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department's Let's Go Fishing Program for an instructional clinic.

Clinics will take place at 10 am, 11 am, 1 pm, 2 pm, and 3 pm on the ice in front of the Derby HQ trailer on Meredith Bay. The clinic is geared toward kids but is open to anyone! Those 16 and under must be accompanied by an adult. All equipment will be provided. You do not need to have a fishing license to participate in this free ice fishing lesson.

Event producers encourage everyone to register, since you don't even need to fish to win one of the many cash prizes that are drawn throughout the weekend. Registration for the event is just \$40 per ticket. Each registration provides the opportunity to win one of the cash prizes. Each registration also includes a \$10 dining certificate from T-BONES and Cactus Jack's. Prizes for the top winning fish are \$15,000, \$5,000 and \$3000.

For more information regarding the Great Meredith Rotary Ice Fishing Derby visit meredithrotary.org.



At last Wednesday's Tewksbury School Committee meeting, Tewksbury Memorial High School Football Coach Brian Aylward as well as three (two present) student-athletes were honored as Aylward was named the Boston Globe's Division 3 Coach of the Year, while, Jay Connolly (left) and Makayla Paige were both named All-Scholastics. The third all-scholastic was Brian's son Shane Aylward, who was competing for the TMHS Boys Basketball team at the same time. (courtesy photo/AD Ron Drouin).

Tewksbury High Girls Lacrosse program now has fourth coach in five years

Murphy plans on sticking around

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TEWKSBURY -- Back in 2009, Erin Murphy was a key member of the Tewksbury Memorial High School girls' lacrosse team's first and only league championship title. As a junior, she helped the Redmen finish 11-9-0, the best record in program history, which included a trip to the state tournament, losing to Pentucket Regional in the first round. Now ten years later, Murphy has been named the program's fourth coach in the past five years. The announcement was made official last Wednesday night after the approval from the members of the School Committee.

Murphy has been promoted from her position as the JV coach, replacing Rachel McLaren, who held the job for one season.

"I am excited for Erin and this opportunity," said TMHS Athletic Director Ron Drouin. "She has worked hard and has been a loyal assistant coach in our system for a couple of different programs for several years now. She is passionate about lacrosse and she works really well with the kids."

"Since we have announced (her hiring), I have seen her buzzing around the school, talking to the kids, with her schedule and she is just going to be real diligent with her preparation."

The lacrosse program started in 2006 under the direction of the program's first head coach Bethany (Peters) Sykes. She held

the position for three seasons, including the program's first trip to post-season play in 2008, losing to Shawsheen Tech.

In 2009, the program's JV coach, Joel McKenna, took over and held the position for seven years, which included the league title in his first season and three other trips to post-season play, losing in the first round in 2012, '13 and '15.

In 2006, Samantha Tavantzis took the reigns but held it for just two years. She finished with records of 5-15-1 and 6-15, including two more trips to the Division 2 North sectional tournament, both first round losses.

McLaren, a former Shawsheen Tech star graduating in 2014, who also played one year of lacrosse at Nichols College finished the season with a 3-15 record.

Murphy has been a teacher at the high school since 2016, was a former player and captain, has served as an assistant coach in the program, first as a volunteer, and then last year as the JV coach. She has also been a part of the TMHS Volleyball Coaching staff for the past two seasons.

Drouin is hoping Murphy is here to not only stay, but take the program back to where it was when she was a league all-star midfielder in '09.

"I'm looking for stability with this program," said Drouin. "We have gone through a number of coaches over the last five years and there's been a lot of turnover. I'm looking for-

ward to Erin bringing not only stability to the program, but also I'm hoping she will form a good connection with the youth program in town to help grow this (high school) program."

The lacrosse program has only had that one winning season in the program's history. Since that '09 season, the program has reeled off win totals of 5, 2, 4, 5, 3, 5, 6 and 3. Murphy hopes and believes that can change with the core of players who return to this year's team, many she has been familiar with over the last few seasons.

"I am looking forward to this upcoming season," she said. "We have a great group of girls returning to the program. This year we will be led by a large senior class particularly our senior captains, Haley Mignon, Jessica Potito, and Julia Masotta, who is a two-year captain. These girls are notable athletes in every sport they play at TMHS as well as being strong leaders."

"I'm also expecting big things from the McIntyre sisters Lauren and Erin as well as Lexi Polimeno. Many of our girls have been putting in work in the off-season as well which is all a coach can ask for."

Besides having those core players returning, Murphy is optimistic about being given this opportunity to turn the program around. For starters, the number of athletes in the program has to grow.

"I am optimistic about the team's future. We had a great group of ninth

graders enter the program last year who hold great promise going forward," she said. "Also, working with the JV team last year we had about a dozen eighth graders join the program. Many of these girls came with a solid foundation of skill and I look forward to seeing how they progress."

"It is no secret that the MVC is full of dominant teams. We will need to work hard everyday if we want to compete on the level of many of them, but I believe we are up to the challenge."

In order to meet those challenges of facing some of the best teams in the state day-in and day-out, Murphy said it starts with getting more numbers and of course development of those players.

"Something (else) I want to work on is having a strong bench. In the past we have had the same girls on the field for the entire game," she said. "This becomes exhausting and has led to many injuries. I am hoping to have girls be rotating more frequently on and off the field giving our starters a rest and more playing time to all. Obviously this will come down to numbers but I am hoping they will be in our favor this year."

That development starts at the subvarsity level and as of presstime, a new assistant coach has yet to be named. That being said, Murphy is stressing consistency across the entire program.

"I think one thing that will help this program continue to move forward in a posi-



The new TMHS Varsity Girls' Lacrosse Coach is Erin Murphy, who spent the previous few years as an assistant coach and is also a former captain of the program back in 2010). (photo by Bob DeChiara)

tive direction is a feeling of consistency," said Murphy. "I will be the program's fourth coach in five years. I think the team, especially the younger girls, want to know what to expect as they progress in the program as well as players interested in joining."

Murphy is thrilled to finally have a chance of being a head varsity coach.

"Coaching was something I became passionate about during my time as a player," she said. "I love being a part of a team and the atmosphere around it and

knew this is something I would want to pursue later in life. While still in college I would come back and volunteer with the lacrosse team."

"I was incredibly excited when the opportunity arose this year for the head coach position. I have been coached by or alongside every head coach this program has ever had. I feel I have learned a lot from their different coaching styles. That, combined with my years as a teacher I believe have made me ready to take on this role."

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